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Bonn shocked by resignation

Genscher quits as strikes put pressure on Kohl

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN minister 15 months ago. Like

HANS-DIETRICH Genscher yesterday announced his resignation after 18 years as Germany's foreign minister. His decision shocked Bonn and increased pressure on Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, who is coping with a strike by 75,000 public service workers.

The strike, the first in Germany's public sector since 1974, severely disrupted postal services, public transport and rubbish collection. Thousands of commuters were stranded and traffic jams clogged city centres from Berin to Stuttgart, but Herr Kohl refused to consider what he said were the unrealistic demands of the trade unions.

Herr Genscher, 65, said in nis resignation statement that he wanted to return to the back benches and devote his energies to easing the process of German unificaion. His replacement at the foreign ministry will be irmgard Schwaetzer, 50, who erved as his deputy for four years until she was promoted to the cabinet as housing

INSIDE Joining the capitalists

The West yesterday admitted Russia and 13 of the former Soviet republics to the International Mone-

IMF, the world's premier capitalist club, in order to qualify for the \$24 billion (£14 million) package the Group of Seven leading industrial countries approved on Sunday. Its membership will also unlock billions of dollars from the IMF and World

Toll too far

Drivers objecting to the new scale of charges on the Severn Bridge into Wales caused a six-mile traffic jam and many altercations with police and the toll booth collectors

Deadly prank

A fire which killed five party-goers at a flat in Hove, Sussex, was started as a prank by a man who later died under the wheels of a lorry after slashing his wrists, an inquest was told Page 3

Remaindered

Serbia and Montenegro proclaimed a new and smaller Yugoslavía. despite Western threats to boycott the state. Serbian president. Slobodan Milosevic, said he hoped the move would "mark the end of the agony and chaos".....Page 9

White heat

Jimmy White and Stephen Hendry felt the Crucible heat during the world snooker championship but survived to keep their challenges intact in second-round

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Herr Genscher, she is a member of the small Free Democrat Party (FDP). At the turn of the year Herr Genscher warned Herr Kohl that he planned to retire on May 17, the anniversary of the day that he became foreign minister. The chancellor told no-one, but promised that the post would continue

to be filled by a member of the Herr Genscher's resignation and the strike add to Germany's troubles at a time when other leading Europe an countries are also suffering a deep political malaise. In France, President Mitterrand presides over a government whose popularity has plummeted, while Italy is still searching for a government after elections that demonstrated popular disillusion-

ment with the established Germany is traditionally Europe's economic locomotive and since unification it has been at the forefront of moves toward European Union. But top level resigna-tions, public sector strikes and the rise of the far right in local elections suggest a loss

of confidence and momentum. Bonn finds itself under criticism from its Western partners not only over policy on Yugoslavia but also for refusing to help to revive the world economy by cutting interest rates. Herr Kohl also had to find

a replacement health minister yesterday after the resig-nation of Gerda Hasselfeldt, 41, who had lost the confidence of the medical profes-sion during her 15 months in office and had been damaged by the disclosure that one of her aides had spied for Poland. Her replacement will be Horst Seehofer, 42, like her a member of the Bavarian Christian Social Union

(CSU). Herr Genscher, at his 65th birthday celebrations last month, gave every indication that he was prepared to go on in the job indefinitely, in spite of having made his mind up to repre. He has suffered a series of minor heart attacks and his health may have played some part in his decision. It has been reported that

he may stand for election as president, to succeed Richard von Weizsäcker, whose second term in office runs out in

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, expressed sadness at his resignation. He called him an outstanding leader of Europe who was among those who had most contributed to the end of the cold war. "I have valued Herr Genscher highly both as a colleague and a friend with whom a quick word on the telephone or a snatched exchange of confidences at some European meeting has always been worth a hundred official telegrams.

In spite of the poor perfor-mance of the FDP in elections, Herr Genscher remains Germnay's most pop-ular politician, with a high rating in both east and west. Since unification in 1990. however, he has increasingly lost his feel for foreign affairs. He was the first western statesman to recognise the importance of Michail Gorbachev, but almost the last to understand that the former Soviet leader no longer

His great contribution was n following an Ostpolitik that inexorably eroded the Iron Curtain. He made Herr Kohl recognise the new Pol-ish frontier, forcing the chancellor to realise that national borders were less important than international co-

operation. His tireless search for a peaceful solution to every problem sometimes blinded him to the dangers of apasement. He could not un derstand that Germany's reputation in the West would suffer through not taking a tougher stand against Iraq. He buildozed an unwilling European Community into early recognition of the independence of Croatia and Slorenia to the annoyance of the United States. Diplomats said that Herr Genscher's relationship with Herr Kohl had become strained, not

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least in European affairs.

German unrest helps to push up sterling

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

THE pound rose to its highest level against the mark since last summer, as international investors reacted with unease to the wave of industrial unrest in Germany and the resignation of Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The pound was also supported by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, who said economic recovery in Britain would be "firmly established" this year.

Mr Lamont was speaking in Washington after a meeting of Group of Seven finance ministers, which called on all seven leading industrialised countries to promote non-inflationary growth in their countries. Although an explicit reference to Japan was

removed from the communique, the G7 made clear that Japan must do more to stimulate its domestic economy by cutting taxes or raising public spending. The prospect of more expansionary policies in Japan contributed to a rise in the yen against the mark and this also helped strengthen the pound against the Ger-

man currency. The pound rose to its highest point in the European exchange rate mechanism since September. It closed only 0.5 per cent below its midpoint against the mark and above both the lira and

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who was elected yesterday as the first woman Speaker

Boothroyd beats Brooke to Madam Speaker's chair

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

BETTY Boothroyd was elected yesterday as the first woman Speaker of the House of Commons, taking on the post in which her calls of "Order, order" will make hers one of the best known voices in the land.

MPs on all sides stood and flouted Commons tradition by applauding her into the chair. She won only the third contest for the post this century after a vote of 372-238, a majority of 134. The vote came on an amendment proposing that her name should be substituted for that of Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland secretary. and made clear the wish of the House.

The amended motion proposing Miss Boothroyd, 62. was then carried without a vote, ensuring that there were no further rounds allowing supporters of other potential candidates, who included former ministers Sir Giles Shaw and Terence Higgins and Dame Janet Fookes, to put their case. Paul Channon, the former transpon minister. had aiready withdrawn in ía-

vour of Mr Brooke. But the failure of the Conservatives to agree among themselves on a single candi-

that Mr Brooke, as a minister until this month might not be enough of a "backbenchers' man". and Miss Boothroyd's proven record in the chair and popularity across the House ensured her victory.

She was pulled to the chair with the traditional show of reluctance. Mr Brooke was one of the first to congratulate

The one-time Tiller girl, an MP since 1974 and a former Labour whip, has won respect for her brisk commonsense and good humour as a deputy speaker since 1987. She becomes the 155th speaker in the 600-year-old history of the post and is the first Speaker since the war to be chosen from the ranks of the Opposi-

tion party.

MPs who enquired what to call her when she became a deputy speaker were tartly informed "Call me Madam." Continued on page 14, col 2

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Bombs and gunfire mock Kabul ceasefire

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

AFGHAN air force jets bombed fundamentalist Mujahidin positions yesterday in spite of agreement on a ceasefire in Kabul.

As Soviet-built Sukhoi 22 fighter-bombers screamed off the city's airport runway. gunfire could be heard in the city centre. A long line of refugees streamed out of the ancient citadel of Bala Hasdate, fears among some MPs | sar which was attacked for

the second day running by guerrillas loyal to the fundamentalist hardliner

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. Details of the ceasefire cussed in Peshawar by Mujahidin leaders and highranking Pakistani officials. who said the rival leaders had agreed to end the fighting.

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Red Indian's green gospel exposed as fake

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

FOR nearly two decades, the environmentally correct from Eastern Europe to the West of America have drawn inspiration from the majestic thoughts of Chief Seattle, the 19th century Indian leader who foresaw the destruction of nature that would

be wrought by the white man. In a famous letter to the American president in 1854, part of which was read by religious leaders around the world last week to mark Earth Day. the great chief of the Suquamish people said "The Earth is Our Mother and spoke of the destruction of buffalo. He had, he said, seen them rotting on the prairies, left by the white man who shot them from a passing train". Thanks to the publicily over the global event, a small hitch has arisen for worshippers of the

Indian's wisdom: it was fabricated by a Texas writer in 1971. There were no bison within 600 miles of Seattle's land on Puget Sound and he never saw one in his life; the first train was still 15 years away at the time and the great buffalo slaughter took place a decade after Seattle died in 1866. bequeathing his name to the city. according to experts who say the

'Seattle message" is a puzzling and

tenacious fraud This week. Ted Perry, who dreamed up the chief's poetic visions for Home, a 1972 television film on ecology, came forward to express amazement that his words had been adopted as gospel by the politically correct despite his efforts to set the record straight. "Why are we so willing to accept a text like this if it's attributed to a native American ?" Perry asked in Newsweek. "It's another case of placing native Americans up on a pedestal and not taking responsibility for our own actions."

Publicity over the Seattle fabrication has done little to daunt the true believers, among them the publishers of the children's book. Brother Eagle. Sister Sky a bestseller which purports to be an extract from a famous speech by the chief and which formed the basis for the 1854 letter to President Franklin Pierce. "For want of a tape recorder, maybe we have a book that will change children's view about the environment," said Phyllis Fogelman, president of Dial Books.

In the book and the Earth Day letter. Seattle asks: "What will happen when the secret corners of the forest are heavy with the scent of many men and the view of the ripe hills is blotted by talking wires? Nowhere, say the experts, do anything like these thoughts appear in the only

authentic text of the 1854 speech, which was translated in 1887. Seattle. a formidable warrior who moved on to diplomacy and became a Roman Catholic, really talked in florid Victorian prose about differences between the Indian and Christian

"Basically, I don't know what he said," Susan Jeffers, the creator of the book, told The New York Times. 'But I do know that the native American people lived this philosophy and that's what is important."

If Seattle had not actually said these things, he conveyed the feeling of his race, say the environmentalists. The Earth Day organisers and other ecologists reached for the logic of "poetic" rather than "factual" truth, an effective approach given the prevailing view among the politically correct that White Man always speaks with forked tongue.

How US jammed Saddam's defences

ROBIN MAYES

In the opening shots of the Gulf war. America used a secret carbon fibre weapon to knock out Iraq's electrical power supplies.
Michael Evans writes

A secret new weapon was used by the Americans to knock out Baghdad's power supplies on the first night of the allied bombing raids last year, according to a re-port published in Washington yesterday.

Thousands of rolls of thin carbon fibre wire were dis-persed over outdoor switching and transformer stations by ship-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles, short-circuiting many of the electrical power sources for Iraq's air defence systems. The aim was Saddam's defences to prevent the Iraqis from launching missiles at allied bombers in the early stages of the campaign, without destroying all the power stations.

Bombing the electrical gen-erators in the conventional manner with high explosives would have put the power stations out of action for years, and the allies were on record as saying they wanted to limit damage suffered by the civilian population.

The operation, codenamed 'Poobah's Party', after the personal call sign of US Air Force Major General Larry Henry, who was in charge of the electronic war against Iraq, did not go exactly to plan: some of the cruise missiles flew into their targets and exploded instead of releasing their carbon wire warheads at the proper altitude. The details of the secret

electronic war were published yesterday in the authoritative American magazine, Aviation Week & Space Technology.

There was no reference to the carbon fibre warfare in the Pentagon's 1,300-page Gulf war report published last week. But it did say: "Losing primary eletrical power sources in the first days of the war helped reduce Iraq's ability to respond to coalition attacks."

Previous US Navy reports also referred to the use of Tomahawks "to disrupt functions in a target facility, rather than to destroy a facility". A spokeswoman for the US Navy refused to comment yesterday on the reported secret carbon fibre weapon. But a Continued on page 14, coi 5



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Doubts

cast on

'healthy

fats'

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

USING polyunsaturated fats for cooking can do

more harm than good, an

American diet specialist

says. Paul Addis, of the univ-

ersity of Minnesota, who is

on a British lecture tour

financed by the Butter

Council, says that over-heating polyunsaturated

fats releases free radicals.

which can damage the body and encourage the formation of blood clots. Professor Addis says

that he is much more con-

cerned about the possible

damage caused by these free radicals than he is by

total fats in the diet, or by

cholesterol in the blood.

"Changing your man (or woman) to a high vitamin

diet is more likely to save their lives than switching

to polyunsaturated fat,"
Professor Addis says.
The Flora Project, supported by the manufactur-

ers of a spread high in

polyunsaturates, respond-

ed to the criticism yester-day by releasing a research report showing that no

dangerous changes took place in the composition of a cooking oil used for deep frying eight successive

times. Deep frying of pota-toes for ten minutes at

170C, then maintaining the oil at the same tem-

from the food manufactur-

ing company Van den Berghs and Jurgens concluded.

that the danger arises when the oil is heated

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governing body has won the support of distinguished as Shirley Williams and Mar-The legal campaign alleges that the college cannot make a fundamental change with out parliamentary approval.
and also claims breaches of contract on the grounds that the students had a legitimate

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By MATTHEW DANGERS

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expectation to be consulted.

Jane Whittle, president of the college's middle common room. room. Said that feeling among undergraduates and un high. "The principal objection is that women in Oxford are still not moresent." Orderd are still not represented 50.50 and so the time is not right to go mixed."

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THE TIMES TUESDAY APRIL 28 1992 Wanted

man is

seen

in street

One of three men wanted in

connection with the murder in Derby of an army recruit-

ing sergeant is believed to

have been seen in the city ten days later and could have

come into the open to seek

treatment for leg injuries.

police disclosed yesterday

Derbyshire police said that

Joseph Magee, 26, had been

identified as the person seen

talking with another man

outside shops in the Alvaston area of Derby, less than two miles from the spot where

Sergeant Michael Newman,

Don Dovasion, an assis-

tant chief constable, said:

"We know that he has a re-

peat prescription card for some drugs that alleviate pain

in his legs. The level of pain

may be such that he has had

to come out onto the streets

Senior officers also disclosed yesterday that Mr Magee and two other men,

Anthony Gorman, 22 and Declan Duffy, 19, who are also wanted for questioning

about the murder, were believed to have been spotted at

Derby railway station the day

Mother dies in

jump from fire

A woman was killed and her two children seriously injured

when they jumped 20ft from a second floor window after

fire broke out at their flat in

north London yesterday.
Rita Betteridge, 36, of
Kentish Town, jumped with
her son, 10, and daughter, 5,

when they became trapped by

smoke and flames. She was

dead on arrival at the Royal

Free Hospital. The boy had

cuts and fractures and the girl

had back injuries, a fractured femur and burns.

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34, was shot on April 13.

(Craig Seton writes).

Bottomley tells nurses to raise complaints

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NURSES concerned about tine Hancock, general poor standards of health ser-secretary of the RCN, at the vice care were yesterday urged to speak out by Virginia Bottomley, the new health secretary, as the Royal College of Nursing launched a report suggesting that many feel too intimidated by managers to complain.

However, Mrs Bottomley said there was no need to introduce legislation to protect nurses who raised concerns. She also declined to criticise confidentiality clauses in contracts of employment.

Mrs Bottomley was re-sponding to a call by Chris-

Health reforms press on

THERE will be no slowing in the pace of change in the NHS. Mrs Bottomley told

Laurance writes). In her first major speech since her promotion, she said the message she had received 'time and again" when visiting hospitals in recent weeks was that the NHS needed a period of continuity and stability. "I share that view." But she added: "My job is to see that the momentum of the reforms is maintained." Later she explained that there would be "continuity and sta-bility in the overall policy and

In an emollient speech, she said she would adopt the softly softly approach of her predecessor. William Waldegrave, rather than the abrasive ways of Kenneth Clarke, architect of the reforms. But she provoked loud protests when she reaffirmed the freedom of NHS trusts to set their own pay and conditions, with the pay review body remaining to provide "a benchmark".

college's annual congress in Blackpool, for an end to "agment" in the NHS. "The use of a confidentiality clause in a contract of employment is an obvious manifestation of new aggressive management

styles," Ms Hancock said. Mrs Bottomley nodded in agreement as Ms Hancock said: "Commonly, nurses perceive that managers have absorbed the culture of competition and commercial confidence and forgotten that they are managing an accountable public service."

In response to concern that nurses were afraid to express worries, the college last May set up a confidential service. RCN Whistleblow, which has ters requesting help. Launching a report on the service. Ms Hancock said the letters were "the tip of the iceberg" and revealed "a growing catalogue of stress, overstretched resources and an overriding fear of being singled out if nurses dare to report poor conditions to their

managers".
At a press conference later, Mrs Bottomley said nurses "have a duty to take up cases where they are worried about the professional care of their patients". But it was essential to maintain patient confidentiality, she said. "That is the reason employers expect staff first to raise concerns with management but this must lie alongside their professional duty to take up cases where they are concerned." She said there was no need for legislation to protect nurses who

The issue of gagging clauses in contracts of employment is becoming increasingly sensitive in the new market-style NHS. Ms Hancock said it was a "serious pity' that the health secretary had not made a stronger commitment to removing gagging clauses.



Memory line: trams returned to the streets of Manchester yesterday after an absence of 43 years as part of the £130 million Metrolink system that uses railway lines as well as a new network in the city centre

Time-out delay for Short

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

ANATOLY Karpov called for a time-out yesterday before the final game of his world chess championship semi-final in Linares, Spain, to try to break the momentum of Brit-

ain's Nigel Short. Short, who leads by five points to four, needs only to draw the tenth game to win the match. It must be played today as Karpov is allowed only one time-out. Karpov will be hoping that by employing this final shot in his arsenal of gamesmanship the match can be turned to his

advantage. A win or draw for Short, who has used his time-out, will make him the first British player to reach the final of the world chess championship candidates competition.

House income plan victims reject building society offer

BY TONY DAWE

VICTIMS of an investment scandal who are threatened with losing their homes rejected a compensation offer vesterday from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, the leading society to have granted loans for the

They dismissed the offer as "ambiguous and cynical" and insisted that the society must set aside the mortgages it had provided for the failed investments. Some plan to demonstrate at the society's annual meeting in Gloucester tomorrow.

As The Times reported yesterday, many of the 10,000 mostly elderly people who have lost out on home income plans are preparing to sue the building societies that financed them because the brokers who arranged the plans have gone bankrupt. Yesterday the

C&G offered borrowers who took out plans with the nowdefunct Aylesbury Associates of Bromley, Kent, "a special arrangement" instead of going to court. Andrew Longhurst, C&G's chief executive, said: "Our aim is toensure that those borrowers who bought home income plans from Aylesbury Asso-

position they were before tak-ing out their plan." People who took out plans with approved firms which have since folded may be able to seek redress through the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS) but its organisers insist that other parties including building societies and solicitors must take their share of the blame.

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Home income plans ran into trouble because investments failed to produce either the expected income or the money to pay off the mortwith unmanageable debts which could be met only by

selling their homes.
Philip Cheal, spokesman for the main victims' support group, said yesterday that the C&G offer "contributed nothing to solving the problem. It is too ambiguous and fails to tackle the problem of an on-

going mortgage."
Mr Cheal invested £20,000 have touched the scheme but

problem is simply postto obtain adequate compensation, damages and legal

costs, he said. were advised yesterday that they must complete forms by

perature for a further ten minutes, "produced no nu-tritionally undesirable changes in oils high in polyunsaturates", a team

in a plan arranged by Ayles-bury Associates but has lost most of the money and does not have enough to pay his for its backing by Chelten-ham & Gloucester," he said. Richard Barnett, of London solicitors Barnett

Sampson who represent 400 victims, said last night: "The timing of the document is clearly no accident. It has come just before the annual meeting to try and forestall questions. An award of compensation by ICS will 'not result in a client's mortgage being set aside so that unless there is full compensation the poned." By pursuing court action victims should be able

investors who took out plans with Fisher Prew-Smith Southport, Merseyside, May 21 if they wish to seek redress through the ICS.

to become overheated so that it smokes. The pro-cess creates free radicals Architecture which can damage the walls of blood vessels, crewriter dies Sir James Richards, former architecture correspondent of

ating debris which attracts other cells and fatty deposits to cluster together. These can then form block-The Times and a committed ages and obstruct the flow of blood, causing heart atcampaigner for coverage of his subject by serious newspa-pers, died yesterday aged 84. tacks and death. The breakdown prod-Editor of Architecture Reucts produced, he says, are like those found in people view from 1937-71 and Hoffman Wood Professor of Architecture at Leeds University 1957-59. Sir James was chiefly associated with the

who smoke. The body can break them down unless it vitamins (C. E and beta-carotene) which are found in fruit and vegetables. "My first advice is give up smoking." Professor Addis says. "I don't believe people should worry too much about eggs, butter or meat, and should make sure they eat enough fruit, vegetable and fibre."

second stage, northern

unionists will negotiate di-rectly with the Irish govern-

ment, whose foreign minister

made it clear yesterday that Northern Ireland's constitu-

tional position within the United Kingdom will be on

Mayor resigns Bill Woodhead, 62, a Tory

councillor who spent his first night as mayor of Stocktonon-Tees, Cleveland, in police custody, has resigned after less than a week in office. Mr Woodhead had appeared before Teesside magistrates accused of assault after his wife Doreen called the police saying that he had attacked her. She asked magistrates to drop the matter. The case was adjourned until May 14.

Bodies found The bodies of pilot Mark Ives. 34, and student Ken Ramsay. 21, were recovered yesterday from Loch Muick on the Royal Balmoral estate in Grampian two weeks after their light aircraft crashed

while on a training flight.

Knife escape A prisoner escaped yesterday after handcuffing a prison officer to the driver of a car in which he was being transported from Kingston Magis-trates Court to Wandsworth prison. Anthony Bolden, 28, held the men at knifepoint.

Mayhew hopes for direct Irish talks within weeks

said he hoped to be able to

move to phase two - direct talks between the Irish gov-

parties - within weeks. At the

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

TALKS on a future adminis-tration for Northern Ireland will open tomorrow, beginning three months of negotiations designed to produce a replacement for the Anglo-

Irish agreement. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the new Northern Ireland secre-tary, said he hoped the discussions would lead to an accommodation between the political parties over how the province is governed, with more decisions being taken by local politicians rather

than government ministers. Sir Patrick indicated that he expected the province's four main constitutional parties to stop the wrangling that bedevilled earlier stages of the initiative and move swiftly to substantive discussions. He



Mayhew: no blueprint

the agenda.
Sir Patrick admitted, however, that the British government had no blueprint of its

own on how the province should be administered and that if the talks failed it would not be the end of the world as it would continue to be run by

direct rule.

He said: "It is an absurdity and an affront to the intelligence of Northern Ireland that even trivial matters should fall for decision by Westminster ministers.".

Severn crossing takes toll on drivers

MOTORISTS reacted angrily to new charges on the Severn bridge west-bound into Wales yesterday. A six-mile tailback caused long delays and drivers without enough money for the toll were turned away.

The fact that the route into England

is now free failed to ease their tempers. When motorists reached the toll booths they discovered that they were required to pay a return fare regardless of whether they wish to re-enter Eng-land by the same route. Drivers who pleaded poverty were promptly turned back, as were those objecting to paying a return fare, while those who argued were threatened with police action. The toll booths have been removed

from the east bound carriageway.
Inspector Ian Wilkinson, of Almondsbury motorway police, said: "Some drivers lost their tempers and shouted at my officers and the toll collectors. At one point it looked like it would come to blows but fortunately it didn't go that far. What they don't realise is that the new tolls are approved by the gov-ernment. There's nothing we can." Many drivers said that the new

charges were unfair and expensive. In-

A big rise in charges for using the Severn bridge has left motorists fuming in traffic jams, Ray Clancy reports

stead of paying £1 one way, they had to hand over £2.80, while lorry drivers had to pay £8.40 instead of £2 one way. Drivers of small vans had the biggest cause for complaint. Instead of paying the same one-way toll as car drivers they have been put into a small goods

vehicles class paying £5.60.

Jennifer Jessop, 50, a teacher from Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, said she would be writing to her MP and the bridge authorities to complain about paying £5.60 to bring her small van home over the bridge after taking her two dogs to a show in Hampshire at the weekend. "I don't run a business and I had to pay the same as a minibus licensed to carry 16 people," she said.

David Foice, general manager of Severn River Crossing, the Anglo-French consortium which has been awarded the contract to run the bridge

and build a new £300 million new crossing a few miles downstream, said that only a few motorists were unhappy. "Most drivers seemed to have accepted that it is necessary to pay these increases to enable a second bridge to be built. It is only a vociferous few.
mainly the small van drivers, who are

against the whole concept." The company took the decision to have tolls on one side of the bridge to ease delays, he said. An extension of the present toll booth plaza on the westbound side, due for completion. within three months, would solve any traffic problems and lead to a quicker

The RAC said that it had received hundreds of calls from angry motor-ists. "People are used to having a pound or so loose change in their pockets and paying up. But now they are being asked for large sums of cash," John Hutson, a spokesman, said. A spokeswoman for the AA said: We fully understand why everyone is so annoyed. It's unfair. The Severn bridge is just another section of the M4 and these tolls should be

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Man killed in crash had confessed to starting death fire

By PETER VICTOR

A MAN confessed to starting a fire in Hove which killed five people, hours before he died under the wheels of a

Trevor Carrington, an un-employed airline steward, used his lighter to set fire to a sofa in the hallway of a block of flats "as a prank" as he left the party in Hove, an inquest

was fold yesterday.
Police said that Mr Carrington, 38, of Brighton, had attempted to take a drug overdose and slashed his wrists when he was told of the deaths at the party in Hove on Easter Saturday

Detective superintendent Michael Bennison told the

CHRIS Eubank, the boxer,

fought for control of his car

before it careered off the road

and struck and killed a

contruction worker, an in-

Kevin Lawlor, 33, had been

working on a new footbridge

over a dual carriageway on

the A23 at Peas Pottage and

was about six yards from the

side of the road when he was

hit by the Range Rover. Mark

Calvert-Lee, West Sussex cor-

oner, recorded a verdict of

As he appeared for the

hearing Mr Eubank was

served with a summons to

Heath magistrates on May

21 charged with driving with-

out due care and attention.

He followed the advice of his

lawyer not to give evidence at

Driver error rather than

mechanical failure was the

main cause of the accident,

PC Andrew Clay, who investi-

gated the accident, said. "It is

my opinion that the reason for the loss of control of the

vehicle lies with the driving,"

inflated, but although they would have lightened the

steering response, they would

The hearing at Haywards

Heath, West Sussex, heard

that Mr Eubank had been

following a car carrying his minders during a journey to

Gatwick airport on the morn-

ing of February 7 to catch a plane ω Jamaica. They had

Simon Eubank, one of the boxer's twin brothers who were passengers, said the car

appeared to go over some pebbles and stones before it

swerved.
"All of a sudden the car

started swerving, but I still assumed Chris was in control

because there was no panic. It

was immediately afterwards,

when the car veered off the

Somerville

students

stand firm

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

EDUCATION REPORTER

STUDENTS at Somerville

college, Oxford, said yester-

day that they would press on

with legal action to stop men

being admitted, if a petition to Lord Jenkins, the college

dent co-ordinating the legal

campaign, said a vote by stu-

dents on Sunday had cleared

Eighty four per cent of stu-

dents are said to oppose the

decision to admit men after

113 years of single-sex educa-

tion. Their stand against the

governing body has won the

support of distinguished

graduates of the college such

as Shirley Williams and Mar-

The legal campaign alleges

that the college cannot make

a lundamental change with-

out parliamentary approval.

and also claims breaches of

contract on the grounds that

the students had a legitimate

Jane Whittle, president of

expectation to be consulted.

the college's middle common

room, said that feeling

among undergraduates and postgraduates continued to

un high "The principal

objection is that women in

Oxford are still not represent-

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appear before Haywards

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the inquest.

quest was told yesterday.

inquest at Lewes, East Sussex, that Mr Carrington went to woods near Wivelsfield for the suicide attempt.

He stayed there until the following day when he called the emergency services and was admitted to hospital in Haywards Heath on April 19, giving his name as Cameron. On April 21, while still at the hospital, Mr Carrington was visited by his brother and, according to the police, confessed to starting the fire

as a prank. He died later that day in a road accident on the Lindfield to Ardingly Road, Mr Bennison told the inquest. The fire took place over

road, that we realised he did

He estimated that they

were travelling at around

60mph. "In front of me I saw

a pile of bricks and somehow

I noticed there was somebody

behind the bricks. My senses

told me that he was going to

be okay, that if we hit the

bricks - there were so many

there - because he was be-

hind them, he would be

Michelle Harris, who saw

the accident, said her atten-

tion was drawn to the car

when it swerved dramatically.

"It looked as though it was

fighting to regain control

then it went back into the

inside lane, then it went off

careering into the bridge."
Leslie Brooks, who was
driving behind the Range

Rover, said both cars were

not have control."

Eubank charged

at crash inquest

Easter weekend at an end of terrace property converted into five flats. People trapped in the building leapt 50ft to the pavement below and many were injured.

One of the injured was attending to those on the pave-ment when he was hit by a falling partygoer. Three others were trapped

in the attic. Lee Wells, 26. and his girl friend Lisa Anderson, 23, crawled out of the attic window clutching a three-year-old child, climbed on to a balcony and edged their way to an adjoining roof where they waited for more than two hours until firemen were able to carry them to

Thirteen people were taken to hospital after the blaze but most went home after treat-ment. Damien Barber, one of the survivors at the party. which was attended by about 22 people, said afterwards that he had clambered 40ft down a drainpipe.

Mr Barber, 20, unem-ployed, said that he was the last of six people to come out alive after battling through choking smoke and climbing down a drainpipe. He was sitting in the living room when somebody shouted

He said: "At first I thought they were joking but the next thing there was smoke everywhere.

Yesterday's inquest was told that a murder investigation was launched because of the speed with which the fire spread, coupled with the short space of time between witnesses leaving and returning to find the building on fire, because multiple deaths were caused and there were a substantial number of homosexuals at the party, which could have provided a motive.

Detectives set up a confi-

dential telephone line to endoing about 70mph, when he courage people to come saw Mr Eubank swerve twice. forward. "It went straight into the Mr Bennison said police roadworks over on to the left hand side. I saw a workman had wanted to interview Mr Carrington as part of their enquiries after it was estab-

"Once it hit the workman lished that he left the party then it hit the parapet of the just before the fire started. parently went ashen when he thologist, said Mr Lawlor, of learnt of the multiple deaths. Hassocks, West Sussex, had died of multiple injuries. He Mr Carrington told his brother that he had set fire to the sofa in the hallway as he left

the party. Mr Bennison said.

"He did this to make those at the party panic and indicated

to his brother that it was a

prank that went terribly

The inquest, into the deaths

of Mr Carrington, Timothy Sharpe, 28, the party host, Paul Jones, 33, a trainee chef

from Brighton, Adrian

Johns, 31, unemployed, from Brighton, Andrew Manners, 29, an electrical maintenance

engineer from Cheltenham,

and Mabel Roberts, 48, a nurse from Colwyn Bay.

North Wales, was adjourned.

to June 3 at Hove Magis-

Some managers say it is time for British Rail to ban

A ban is likely to meet

less resistance in the Net-work SouthEast region,

which serves a population of 17 million, because few commuter journeys take more than 90 minutes.

Most smokers appear able

to go without nicotine for

up to an hour and a half without too much discom-

Because of the decline in

the number of smokers,

Network SouthEast has

gradually reduced train space for smoking. That de-

cline appears to have lev-elled at about 15 per cent of all passengers. None of the

new Networker trains for

north Kent will have smok-

London Underground

trains in 1984, and

throughout the system in

1987 after the King's Cross

fire in which 32 people

died. Last year London

Transport introduced a no

smoking policy on the bus-

Network South East said:

"As long as there is a signif-

icant group who want to smoke, we will continue to

cater for it. But if it got to

the point where demand for

smoking became so small,

we would look at the possi-

bility of further reducing

the provision of smoking

es, which seems popular.

Smoking was banned on

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trates Court.

BR leans towards

smoking ban

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

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Eubank: did not give evidence after summons

SMOKING on trains could

be progressively phased out

image of rail travel by pro-

viding a cleaner service, a senior British Rail official

Increased complaints

from passengers, particularly on first-class InterCity

trains where non-smokers

sometimes have to share

carriages with smoking

passengers, is foreing rail managers to consider fol-lowing the example set by

London Transport and ban-

ning smoking. Network SouthEast has

already withdrawn smok-

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short-distance commuter

trains. Many regional

transport authorities, in-cluding Strathclyde, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, and the West Midlands

have banned smoking on

A ban is likely to be stren-uously resisted, especially

on long-distance InterCity

journeys, by passengers who smoke. The division

earns £150 million a year

from passengers who

smoke, one-sixth of its total

income, which some rail

managers are reluctant to

InterCity is being forced

to consider installing

another door in first-class

carriages, costing £10,600

each, to prevent tobacco

smoke drifting into non-

smoking compartments.

health grounds.

said yesterday.

Shot man 'had weapons hoard'

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE who stormed the home of a gunman seconds after a marksman had shot him dead recovered six weapons, including axes, a sword and three firearms, although the guns were later discovered to be imitations, an inquest was told yesterday.

Ian Bennett, 24, had used at least one of the guns to threaten armed police when they were called to his flat in Rastrick, West Yorkshire, on New Year's day, the inquest in Bradford was told.

After a short siege Mr Bennett was shot dead at his bedroom window by three high velocity rounds fired by a police marksmen.

Professor Michael Green, a Home Office pathologist, said that the bullet wounds could indicate that Mr Bennett had been pointing a long-barrelled gun out of the window, but he accepted a suggestion from Terry Munyard, counsel for Mr Bennett's family, that the wounds could also be consistent with him throwing down the weapon.
James Turnbull, the West

Yorkshire coroner, told the jury that Mr Bennett had been out drinking for much of New Year's day after his girl friend had been taken to hospital after apparently at-tempting suicide. Police were called in after he began a dispute with a taxi driver.

The hearing, expected to last for four weeks, continues



Sacked rep awarded £8,000

By Louise Carpenter

A CHEMICAL sales repre-sentative sacked for gross misconduct after being accused of having a baby by a member of a rival firm was awarded £8.000 compensation by an industrial tribu-

nal yesterday. Cheri Rippon, 33, lost her £30,000-a-year job at Executive Contracts. in Hampstead, northwest London. when she refused to sign a contract saying that she would not "become in-

volved" with any other companies. A few days later she re-

ceived a dismissal letter for gross misconduct and breach of loyalty and trust to your fellow directors after a board meeting inves-tigating her relationship with a business rival. The company said that Miss Rippon was engaged to Peter Hurn. 49, that she was expecting his child and working for his company Sheen Bright Ltd. Miss Rippon, who, with her sixmonth-old child, is now living with Mr Hurn, told the tribunal in London that he was neither her fiance nor the father of her baby and that their relationship was platonic.

Miss Rippon claims that her company fired her to avoid paying maternity leave. The tribunal ruled that the matters had not been investigated properly.

Cheese challenge bites the dust

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

LYMESWOLD. Britain's challenge to such famous French soft cheeses as Brie and Camembert, is to be laid quietly to rest a decade after it was launched with much fanfare at a cost of £5 million.

Dairy Crest, a subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board, is to close the Lymeswold creamery at Aston, Cheshire, this mouth with the loss of

38 jobs.
"We created the first new English cheese for 200 years and helped to change Eng-lish attitudes towards soft cheese." Colleen Amos. Dairy Crest's communications manager, said yester-day. "But we could not sustain demand."

Unveiling the cheese in 1982. Peter Walker, then agriculture minister, declared that it would boost the balance of payments by replacing imports and and becoming "one of our most successful cheese exports". Lymeswold enjoyed a shortlived vogue, during which supply could not keep pace with demand, and even appeared fleetingly in France as Westminster Blue. But after touching a peak of about 2,000 tonnes a year. sales began to slide and nevor recovered.

Few gourmets will mourn. Simon Hopkinson, chief chef at the Bibendum restaurant in Fulham, London, said: "It was a most dreadful, typical mass-produced cheese, com-pletely without character.



Severiano Ballesteros. A strong mind is his secret. A strong watch his choice.

The Time called it "arguably the finest last round in the history of the championship".

The man who played it called it "the best round of my life". Then he added: "So far."

In winning his third British Open Championship, Severiano Ballesteros had displayed, once again, the qualities that have caused so many of his peers to regard him as the finest player in the world.

His game has always been noted for breathtaking drives and the kind of recovery shots that reveal a man who clearly does not recognise the word "quit".

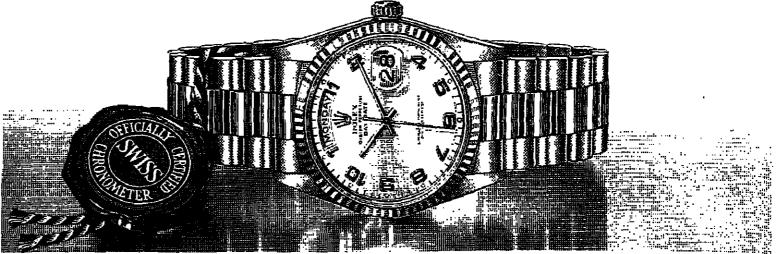
Since Seve was nine years old, practising clandestine golf strokes after hours on his home Pedrena golf course, his sheer mental stamina has driven him on. Indeed, when someone asked him recently what he thought was the most important characteristic of a wouldbe champion, Ballesteros said promptly: "A strong mind."

This single-minded search for perfection is reflected in his choice of watch: a Rolex Day-

It is a beautiful timepiece; but it is as tough and uncompromising as his game. "It is a very strong watch," he says. "No water or sand can get into it

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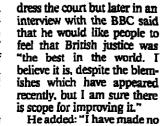
Taylor sworn in as **Lord Chief Justice**

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

LORD Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, pledged the judiciary's determination to "learn lessons from the past" as he swore in Lord Taylor of Gosforth as the new Lord Chief Justice of England

Lord Taylor succeeds Lord Lane after spending 12 years as the country's most senior serving judge. Lord Mackay said: "We are determined to learn lessons from the past and, so far as humanly possible, to eradicate such miscarriages of justice for the

Lord Taylor did not ad-



secret of the fact that I believe we should probably shed wigs and robes." He said that he thought that there should be consultation and consideration of the alternatives. "One could just have best suits, or the kind of gown that they have in the United States, or



Lord Taylor: sees scope Lord Mackay: learning

Labour attacks legal aid rule change

By OUR LEGAL

THE Labour Party has accused the Lord Chancellor's department of apparently acting unlawfully with its new requirement that defendants who are in jobs must produce wage slips for 13 weeks' work before they will be granted legal aid.

John Fraser MP, front bench opposition legal affairs spokesman, says that the circular to magistrates' courts has led to defendants remanded in custody being refused legal aid because they cannot provide slips.

In a letter to John Taylor

MP, the new parliamentary secretary at the Lord Chancellor's department, Mr Fraser said: "The department's attempt to impose a requirement that wage slips be produced is not only impractical, it also appears to be unlawful." The legal aid regulations did not contain any such requirement.

The Law Society has called on officials to declare the legal basis for the new requirement, which justices' clerks have no discretion to waive. The Lord Chancellor's department said yesterday it was considering the letters as matter of urgency. The circular was issed on April 1.

various other alternatives. But I would think that the 18th century image which hangs over the law is one of the factors which makes us seem out of touch, although I don't believe we are."

Nearly 80 serving had judges gathered in Court-room four, the Lord Chief Justice's court in the Royal Courts of Justice, for the swearing in ceremony. Those from the Court of Appeal were in full ceremonial black robes trimmed with gold braid, and those from the High Court in red robes trimmed with ermine.

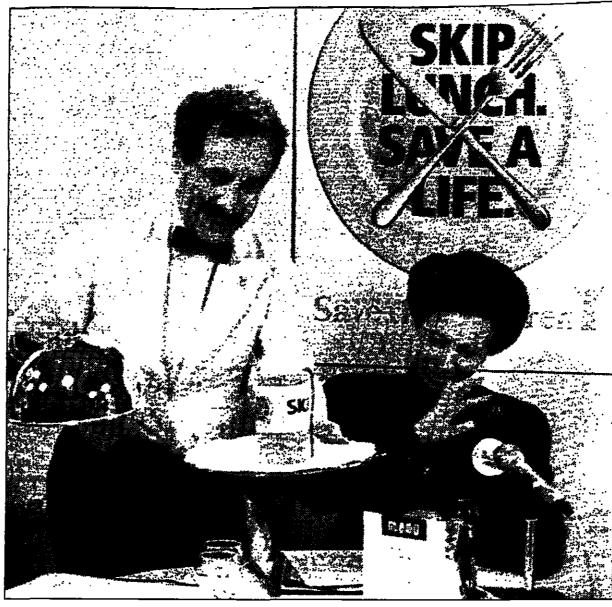
Lord Taylor, watched by his wife and family, sat on the bench flanked by Lord Mackay, Lord Justice Brown. president of the family divi-sion. Lord Justice Tasker Watkins, the Lord Chief Justice's deputy. Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice

Nicholls, Vice Chancellor. Lord Taylor swore an oath of allegiance to the Queen and his oath of office, and was presented with the letters patent of his office by Lord Mackay. He was taking on "an onerous task" with many pressures and challenges. Lord Mackay said.

The Lord Chancellor defended the judiciary in the face of criticism, "much of it uninformed". Referring to questions that were being asked about the criminal justice system, he said: "Members of the judiciary take these matters very seriously as does the government. I am anxious, however, that people should not seek to attribute blame to parts of the criminal justice system to assuage their natural concern and also that a few well publicised cases should not be taken completely out of context."

He gave a warning, however, against complacency. The findings of a Royal Commission on criminal justice were awaited. The judiciary had a key role to play in debat-ing and implementing its recommendations.

> Letters, page II Law Times, pages 23, 25



Fasting food: The Princess Royal, president of Save the Children, takes avoiding action as Manuel (Andrew Sachs) from TV's Fawlty Towers attends her at the Skip Lunch Save A Life launch in London yesterday. The princess urged the public to miss its midday meal and donate the cash to the charity

Branson divides economy class

By Harvey Elliott

THE growing number of business trav-ellers flying economy class has prompt-ed Richard Branson to install a new class on his eight Virgin jumbo jets, separating passengers who have paid the full economy fare from package holiday-makers and leisure travellers.

The new section of the aircraft — known as Mid Class — will be curtained off and available only to those paying full economy fares, not those taking advantage of the cheap fares.

The £3 million scheme, designed to match rivals, business class but with

match rivals' business class but with fares 60 per cent lower, will be in full operation by July. It will provide greater

leg room and a newly designed seat with a video screen built into the armrest.

Mr Branson said yesterday: "At least 23 per cent of business travellers are now flying economy because their comnow liying economy because their com-panies are cutting costs. Yet if they want full flexibility and pay the full economy fare of, say £350, they can find them-selves sitting next to someone who has paid only £99. Our research has shown that they want to be away from children, in their corn crobbeing other and the second in their own exclusive cabin with space to work or relax. More seat room is a priority for 91 per cent but they also demand value for money," he said.

Initially there will be 38 seats in Mid

Class with the number of economy seats reduced from 320 to 270. At present only about three per cent of Virgin's economy passengers pay the full economy fare. The new service will, it is hoped, increase Virgin's yield by as

much as 10 per cent.
A survey by the International Air
Transport Association last week showed that 30 per cent of business passengers had been forced to cut their travel bud-

gets during the past six months.

Virgin believes that many long-haul business passengers will happily pay a full economy price if they can enjoy some benefits of business class travel. If the service proves a success, Virgin plans to offer up to six classes and standards of service.

£60,000 awarded for strain injury

A former car worker was yesterday awarded 559,617 compensation for a repetitive strain injury which she said prevented her from ironing or gardening because of the pain in her arms and thumbs. Jane Inskip, 63, who worked as a machine operator at Vauxhall's Luton plant for 13 years, took voluntary redundancy in 1986 after suffering from the injury.

Luton County Court was told.
Mrs Inskip, who lives with
her son near Aberdeen, said that she had been fighting for compensation since leaving work. Colin Ettinger, a solicitor for the Amalgamated Engineering Union which took up her case, said that the settlement could be the largest involving an RSI case. Vauxhall is to appeal.

Car withdrawn

A Lamborghini Espada owned by the former Beatle Paul McCartney was withdrawn from sale at an auction in Morpeth, Northumber-land, after bidding stopped at £12,500, well short of its expected £30,000.

Axe deaths link

Tests on a bloodstained axe found earlier this month by a lake in Lincoln have confirmed that it was the weapon used in the killings in the city of Fred Maltby, 75, and Joe

River speeders

Police have caught 185 driv-ers speeding on the new Queen Elizabeth II bridge over the Thames at Dartford, Essex, since checks began on April 10.

Body on track

The body of a man aged about 25 was found on railway tracks at Reading, Berkshire. Police believe he was hit by a train during the night.

Cells reopen

A wing at Dartmoor prison. wrecked in riots two years ago in which a prisoner died, has



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Good wicket: Robe Willow fuel of

By M.

ON THE banks of Blackwater River Kelvedon, southwest of chester. Essex. Ro Goodwin is taking par an experiment that c provide a source of eco-cally-friendly energy offer hope to farmers dislike the idea of "set aside" their land. Mr Goodwin is one five farmers in south England chosen by the ernment to test "an coppice which invo planting up to 5,000 f growing species of wil and poplar per acre. After a year the sapir are cut back to the stum "stool" from which multi-stemmed regror can then be harvested peatedly. The wood is dr and cut into chips and then be used for fuel.

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Tin mine leak puts Britain

at risk of **EC** censure

By Tom Walker in Brussels and Michael McCarthy in London

European Commission will

decide whether to instigate

infringement proceedings

against the government for

allegedly contravening EC surface and groundwater pol-lution laws by failing to pre-

The commission will also consider the case of Glen Dye, a 2,800-acre heather

moorland in the Scottish

Highlands which is a breed-

ing site for protected birds including the merlin and hen

harrier. Brussels officials sug-

gest that the Forestry Com-

mission, which gave a grant

for tree planting, should first have carried out an environ-

mental impact assessment.

The other two cases con-

cern the government's meth-ods of reducing sulphur

pollution from power sta-

tions, and monitoring nitro-

gen dioxide pollution in the atmosphere. In the first case, commission lawyers suggest that Britain is obliged to use

more new technology as the

government relies on imports

of low-sulphur coal to cut

emissions down. In the sec-ond, it is suggested that Brit-

ain has an inadequate

monitoring station network. The complaints are being put forward by DG11, the environment directorate of

the commission run by Carlo

Ripa di Meana. If the com-

missioners decide to institute

proceedings by sending an initial warning letter, it will

be a serious embarrassment

two series of EC environment

tal prosecutions: over drink-

ing water and disputed construction projects includ-

ing the extension of the M3

motorway through Twyford Down in Hampshire and the

east London river crossing road through Oxleas Wood. An environment depart-ment spokesman said: "We

are aware that these matters are on the agenda and we have sent reasoned responses

to all these points."

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BRITAIN faces four more prosecutions in the European Court for allegedly breaking EC environmental laws: at a Cornish tin mine and a Scottish heather moorland and in the control and monitoring of pollution.

The most serious allegations concern the Wheal Jane un mine near Falmouth. which was abandoned last year and in January began leaking millions of gallons of water polluted with danger-ous heavy metals into the Carnon River and the Fal

Tomorrow the 17-member

Faults on foreign ships treble

By Nicholas Watt

THE government must ensure that more rigorous tests are carried out on foreign ships operating in British waters after the number of faulty ships trebled last year, a re-port says today. More than 60 per cent of foreign ships checked last year had defects, compared with 46.5 per cent in 1985, according to the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers.

The union says that the British shipping industry is finding it increasingly difficult to compete against carriers which maintain poor safety standards. Just 1.8 per cent of UK flagged ships checked last year had faults. compared with 22.7 per cent of Moroccan ships, the re-port. For Those In Peril,

Despite Britain's "unsurpassed safety record", its share of shipping trade has fallen steeply from almost 35 per cent, by weight, in 1975 to 18 per cent in 1990.

Magistrate forged letters to council

A MAGISTRATE and former army officer forged letters to try to ensure that a diversion of a footpath near his bome went ahead, a court was told

yesterday.
Geoffrey Jenkins, formerly a lieutenant-colonel, wanted the route changed because the public strayed off the footpath beside his home at Abbey Farm. Montacute. Somerset, causing annoyance and loss of privacy. However, two people objected, which could have led to a public enquiry and delays, magistrates at Bridgwater, Somerset, were told.

Jenkins typed letters pur-porting to be from the objec-tors, withdrawing the objections, John Aldred, for the prosecution, said. As a result, Somerset County Council confirmed the new right of way. One of the objectors, however, realised that something was amiss and contact ed the council, which rescinded its decision.

Jenkins, who subsequ resigned after being a JP at Yeovil for ten years, admitted making and using a false instrument. He was fined £500 with £38 costs.



Scene-shifters: Sam Wanamaker, the film and theatre director, and his daughter Zoe, an actress, with a 150-year-old oak tree felled in the Forest of Dean yesterday to help the reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, London

Violent film earns TV firm a rebuke

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A TELEVISION film about a psychopathic murderer's pursuit of a female reporter in a hospital has been rebuked by the Broadcasting Standards Council for exploiting women's fear of rape and mutilation.

The ruling against Yorkshire Television for its Visiting Hours programme, shown in February, comes just days after research by the council disclosed that vio-lence against women on television made most women viewers feel more vulnerable to attack.

A women from North Yorkshire had complained to the council about "horrific acts of violence" in the film, which she said exploited the vulnerability of hospital

The council said that Visit-ing Hours, set in America, was unjustifiably violent, and it ordered Yorkshire to publish a summary of the adjudication in a mass-circulation newspaper. "Violence should not be used as the means of sustaining the interest of the audience in the absence of other forms of appeal," the council ruled. The context in which Visiting Hours was set

could not justify the level o violence.

Yorkshire, which broadcast the film at 10.40pm, said that although the violence had been "realistic, hard and unsanitised", it was neither titillating nor voyeuristic. The ITV company argued that it was particularly justified because the woman involved was not a passive victim; she eventually fought back and caused the death of the psychopath.

Yorkshire said yesterday: We are disappointed at the BSC's ruling — we thought it was a gritty, realistic portrayal. But we obviously fell on the wrong side of the divide over what is acceptable and we will watch it more closely in

Channel 4 was also censured for showing But He Loves Me, which dealt with violence in an obsessive teenage relationship, at the unsuitable time of 5pm. Channel 4 said, however, that the film treated the issue sensitively and was a valid subiect to tackle when teenagers would be viewing.

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TYNE AND WEAR

CUT YOURSELF IN ON THE BEST BUSINESS



Good wicket: Robert Goodwin among his willows

Willow scores as fuel of the future

By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ON THE banks of the Blackwater River near Kelvedon, southwest of Colchester, Essex, Robert Goodwin is taking part in an experiment that could provide a source of ecologially-friendly energy and offer hope to farmers who dislike the idea of "setting aside" their land

Mr Goodwin is one of five farmers in southern England chosen by the government to test "arable coppice", which involves planting up to 8,000 fastgrowing species of willow and poplar per acre.

After a year the saplings are cut back to the stump or 'stool", from which the multi-stemmed regrowth can then be harvested repeatedly. The wood is dried and cut into chips and can then be used for fuel.

Most of the 185-acre farm is planted with wheat. barley and oilseed rape, but, like his father before him, Mr Goodwin has always reserved a few acres to grow willow trees for cricket bats and more recently basketry. He has undertaken to put down 25 acres to arable coppice over the ten years of the trial and is eligible for a subsidy from the Forestry Commission comparable to the "setgrant he could have

We will cut back to the stump next winter and use the severed shoots as planting material. We hope to harvest our first crop three years after that. By then each willow stool should have thrown a regrowth of up to six stems, each about 15ft long and as thick as

A crop can probably be taken every three to five years for up to 30 years before re-planting will be needed. Pesticide and fertiliser input should be low. Arable coppice is esti-

Name.

mated to be able to produce in Britain the equivalent of six million tonnes of oil, worth £700 million, a year. Emission of carbon dioxide, one of the "greenhouse" gases blamed for global warming is can-celled out by the amount that the original trees had absorbed. Coppice would be an option on large areas of wetter, medium-quality land in southern England where cereal-growing is possible only with European Community subsidies that are being withdrawn.

At present, woodfuel cannot compete on price with oil and coal. But if farmers formed co-operatives to share the costs of harvesting and set up their own combustion plants they might be able to suphot air and water to local abattoirs, dairies, factories and food processing

plants at attractive rates.

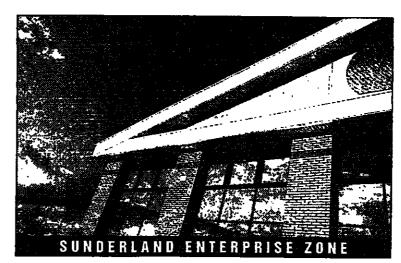
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Speaker cornered: Betty Boothroyd addresses the Commons, feigns reluctance to accept her new job, then takes the chair and settles in with the first of a thousand cries of "Order, order"

Betty Boothroyd crowns her parliamentary career

"FOR me the Commons bas never been just a career, it is my life," Betty Boothroyd, said yesterday as she became the first woman Speaker and the highest commoner in the land. "I pray that I shall justify its confidence and I pledge that I shall do all in my power to preserve the Speakership and its traditions," she told applauding MPs. the rights of those represent-

As Parliament assembled for the first time since the election, MPs were summoned to the Lords where a royal commission ordered them to elect a Speaker. On returning to the Commons. with Sir Edward Heath, the father of the House, presid-ing, they set about the deli-

The election turned out to be good humoured and without rancour. The proceedings started with Sir Michael Neubert, Conservative MP for Romford, moving that Peter Brooke be elected Speaker. He said that since his election 15 years ago, Mr Brooke had fulfilled with distinction a number of ministerial posts. The former Northern Ireland secretary, he said, would bring "dignity.

After others had spoken of Mr Brooke's virtues and fitness for the Chair. Tony Benn, the veteran Labour MP for Chesterfield, said: "We must not have another little cosy election for the Speaker without recognising that these are very difficult times. We need a reforming Speaker." He spoke of the need for a Speaker to defend

Accepting the nomination, Mr Brooke, who is MP for the City of London and Westminster South, said: "I shall be

John Biffen, former Conservative minister and MP for North Shropshire, nominating Miss Boothroyd, said:
"She has been here for nearly 20 years, most of the time spent on the back benches learning the endless frustrations that that kind of life

Order must prevail

AS THE 155th Speaker of the House of Commons Betry (£59,914) second only to that of the prime minister, a large house in the Palace of Westminster, a state coach, and a job in which nine of her predecessors died violent

She becomes the highest commoner in the land. Her job is to be president and spokesman of the Commons. She may not speak in a deexcept when the voting is

Peter de Montfort was the rule.

first Speaker in 1258, when the Speaker's job was to convey the view of the Commons to the Crown and he was often viewed as the sover-eign's spy. Four Speakers perished on this task during

the Wars of the Roses. The job is still a tough one, not least because the cry of 'order, order" has made the Speaker among the most famous television personal-ities in the land. Under the rules, the cameras have to switch to the Speaker whenever there is an altercation

who are looking for a fraternity in suffering I think could ell consider her merits."

Gwyneth Dunwoody, Lab-our MP for Crewe and Nantwich and long-time friend of Miss Boothoryd, said: "It is absolutely essential that we have a woman who comes from one of the tribes of the United Kingdom that is well known both for its ability to speak its mind plainly and with wit - I refer to those of course of West Yorkshire."

After about an hour's debate and with no other nomi-nations being made, MPs divided and voted by 372 votes to 238 in favour of Miss Boothroyd. Mr Brooke was among the first to congratulate her. She was also congratulated by John Major and the other party leaders. Mr Kinnock pointed out

that it had taken six centuries and and 154 previous Speakers before, the Commons had elected a women — hardly overnight success for women's rights.

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Campbell: unhappy at nationalist stance

SNP poll tactics criticised

By KERRY GILL

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats yesterday criticised the Scottish National Party for its strategy of trying to turn the Scottish district council elections on May 7 into a referendum on the country's future constitution. The SNP is fielding a record 850 candidates.

As the nationalists, Liberal Democrats and Labour launched their election manifestos, Menzies Campbell. MP for North East Fife, and the Liberal Democrats' local government spokesman, said that such a moves were "potentially extremely damag-" to the nome rue cause. was wrong to try to persuade people that, instead of voting for councillors best able to look after local interests, they should use the elections as a second bite at the cherry of a

general election. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said he was determined to keep the constitutional issue at the top of the agenda. The SNP believes the elections will give people the chance of a "super-vote" by backing the party fighting for local services as well as demanding that the public should be allowed to decide the country's future. Anne McGuire, Labour's

Scottish chairman, said: "The current constitutional debate cannot be a cover for attacking local government."

Labour contenders in frantic hunt for votes

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S leadership contenders were frantically searching for support last night after moves by the party's most senior officers to end the confusion surrounding

With nominations dosing at 5.15pm today, the cam-paign teams working for can-didates in both the leadership and deputy races were striving to ensure that they had the 55 votes required to enter the contest proper.

Doubts over the ability of

some candidates to reach the threshold were reinforced yes-terday when MPs were given first hurdle to back one with more chance. By 6.30pm

a ruling that means that the camps cannot be sure that they still have the backers who have already pledged themselves. One national executive member called it a

"hysterical mess."
Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, told a packed meeting of MPs at Westminster that they would be entitled to withdraw their existing nomination papers and to substitute another. The move is designed to allow MPs who think that their first choice is unlikely to clear the

their votes, party sources said. Amid widespread fears that the leadership contest is bringing the party into disrepute, Neil Kinnock appealed to MPs to conduct themselves with the "greatest cohesion and self-discipline' throughout the parliament. He defended party officials from criticism that they had changed the rules in midcontest. They had acted in absolute good faith, he said.

The signs last night were that there will be a straight fight for the leadership between John Smith, who has experienced no difficulty in reaching the required level of nominations, and Bryan Gould. It seemed unlikely that Ken Livingstone, the third potential candidate, would get near the threshold.

several MPs had switched

The most likely scenario for the deputy contest appeared to be a race between Margaret Beckett, Mr Gould and John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, although it appeared that only Mrs Beckett could be fully confident of reaching the required

Ann Clwyd, the party's development spokesman, and Bernie Grant, left-wing MI for Tottenham, were expected to have difficulty, and for Mr Gould and Mr Prescott it appeared likely to be a closely run affair.

By late last night it seemed that Mr Gould would pass the hurdle, although in the frenzied atmosphere in the party it was admitted that some of Mr Smith's supporters had considered changing to Mr Gould to ensure that a contest took place.

Reaction to the ruling were mixed. The main critic was Mr Livingstone, who said: "The party machine is encouraging people to with-draw nominations from people like myself and Bernie Grant to get Bryan Gould and others over the

Kinnock aides blamed for defeat

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

RECRIMINATIONS over Labour's election effort have erupted with allegations of an attempt to vilify some of Neil Kinnock's close aides who played key roles during the campaign.

Labour insiders say that shadow cabinet sources are Patricia Hewitt, Mr Kinnock's former press secretary and deputy director of the Institute of Public Policy Research, and Philip Gould. head of the shadow communications agency, the body often seen as a driving force in Mr Kinnock's efforts to

modernise the party's image. Ms Hewitt and Mr Gould worked closely during the campaign and are said to have been conveniently seized upon as "whipping boys" for mistakes made during the election by politicians, say

Labour sources. They see the criticism as a prelude to a move to persuade the new Labour leader, almost certainly John Smith, to drop the services of the agency and return power to the

Walworth Road head-

Ms Hewitt is in Australia but her colleagues have been upset at the alleged smear campaign being directed at both her and Philip Gould, whose partnership with Peter Mandelson, Labour's former and now the MP for Hartlepool, was an important factor

brought to campaigning. Ms Hewitt is a known enthusiast for proportional representation but colleagues are angered that she is being blamed in reports for placing electoral reform high on Mr Kinnock's agenda in the final days of the campaign. Internal party sources say the decision to raise electoral reform was not the responsibility of Ms Hewitt but the politicians

in the professionalism

running the campaign.

Labour sources believe that the unsourced attacks on Mr Gould and Ms Hewitt mean that the "Kinnock-Mandelson revolution" in Labour presentation methods

MPs learn the first house rule: find a desk and a telephone

A SENSE of bewilderment was one of the few unifying themes at Westminster yes terday as the new House of Commons gathered. Of the 651 MPs, 140 were entering the chamber for the first time or were returning from the

political wilderness. The difficulties of securing an office, a telephone and a secretary in the cramped quarters of the palace were compounded by the fact that MPs were plunged into choosing a speaker. Newcomers who scarcely knew how to make their way from the underground car park were being expected to elect their umpire for the next five

Peter Luff, who succeeds Peter Walker as MP for Worcester, said: "I have never cast my vote in an election about which I knew less about the issues than this one. Never. I haven't the slightest idea about what qualities make a good speaker or what qualities the individuals putting themselves forward have to be speaker. It's quite, quite mad."

out in the car." Compared with many of his colleagues. Mr Evans appeared to be doing well. He has half a secretary, shared with Rod Richards, the Tory victor in Clywd North West, and half Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster on the tension in the Commons as MPs

Alistair Burt, who dung on to Bury North. The car is a Jaguar. Mr Evans said it was likely to prove more spacious and comfortable than any

office he might be given. Robert Spink, the Tory vic-tor in Castle Point, Sir Bernard Braine's old seat, was rudely interrupted early yes-terday when Michael Jopling, a former chief whip, marched in, claimed right of abode and ordered him, his secretary, the word processor, the dictaphone and a pile of mail out into the committee corridor. "I feel very privileged to represent my 87,500 constituents." Mr Spink said. "But I didn't

speaker "quite mad'

in the first week."

Nigel Évans, who reclaimed Ribble Valley from the Liberal Democrats, said: I have been sorting my mail a researcher, shared with

attended the new session of Parliament Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, whose Gayfere Street house

near the Commons was used as the centre for John Major's leadership campaign, says the new intake, totalling 63 on the Tory side, is likely to be "fairly Euro-sceptic" With a majority of only 21, this could cause the prime minister some anxious mo-

ments when the Maastricht treaty comes up for ratification before the summer re-cess. But the latest Tory recruits are likely to be less zealous than their 1983 and 1987 predecessors and they generally share Mr Major's concern with the quality of expect them all to write to me public services.

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Glenda Jackson: new recruit for Labour

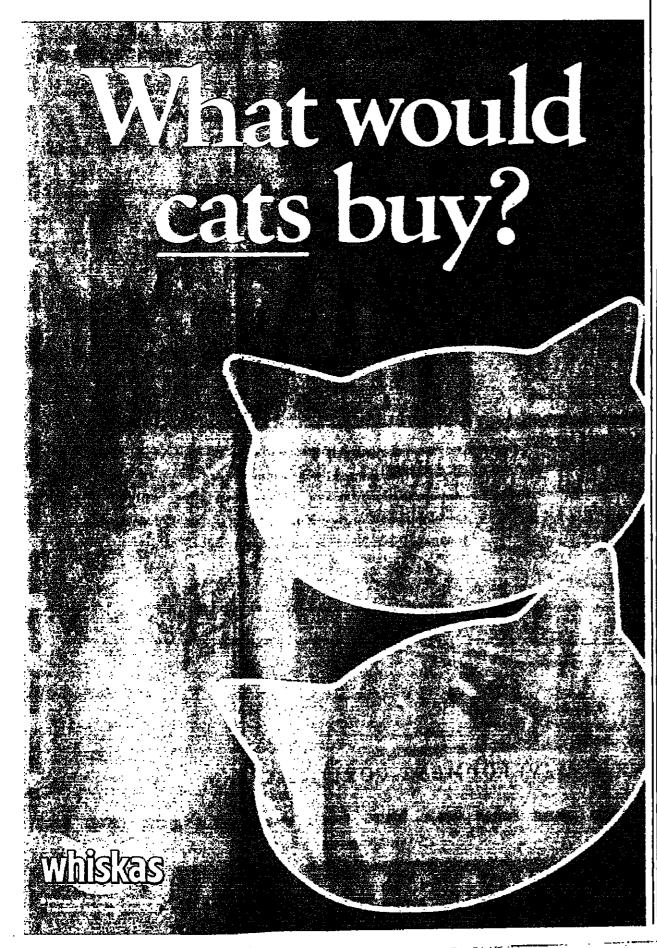
Labour's new intake indi-cates that the hard left will be further marginalised. Most of 69 new members of the parliamentary Labour party (PLP) are expected to rein-force the dominance of the leadership, coming broadly from the centre or mainstream left represented by Neil Kinnock.

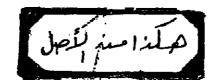
Although John Smith, Mr Kinnock's likely successor, is from the right of the party, his leadership stance will al-most certainly be one that the majority of the newcomers support. Five members of the far left Campaign Group either retired or lost their seats at the election, and its regular strength is likely to

be down to about 25 MPs. The best known of Labour's new faces in parliament are Glenda Jackson. the actress, who won Hampstead and Highgate, and Peter Mandelson, the party's former director of commun-

ications, for Hartlepool. There are 36 women in the PLP. Those expected to make an early mark include Jane Kennedy, the Nupe official who defeated the expelled Terry Fields at Liverpool Broadgreen, Tessa Jowell, a social administrator who took Dulwich, Bridget Prentice, a teacher who defeated Colin Moynihan. the energy minister, at Lewisham East and Angela Eagle, a Cohse service union official who beat Ly 1a

Chalker at Wallasey.





Makeshift council will try to govern from Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

FLYING the new Afghan flag, a convoy of vehicles carrying Mujahidin commanders, politicians and intellectuals left the Pakistani border city of Peshawar en route to Kabul yesterday in the hope of setting up a makeshift government

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votes

The body, which is being called a transitional ruling council, will attempt to gov-ern what little of the country might still be governable from the beleaguered capital. It will have little role to play

while fighting continues.
The Pakistani government announced that Afghan political parties in Peshawar had reached a peace agreement that supposedly included Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the hardliner whose forces continued to pound the city for the second day yesterday with artillery and tank-fire. There was no immediate indication whether Mr Hekmatyar accepted the deal but there is often a chasm between what he says and does.

Burma to take back refugees

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

BURMA agreed yesterday to take back tens of thousands of the Burmese Muslim refugees who have fled to Bangladesh in recent months to escape alleged widespread atrocities at home. Bangladesh said it would sign an agreement with Burma today on the early repatriation of the refugees living in refugee camps in southeastern Bangladesh. "Repatriation of the efugees will start very soon," the Bangladesh foreign min-

A second agreement, on es will be repatriated under UN High Commission for Refugees super-vision, will also be signed today after the final round of talks between Ohn Gyaw, the visiting Burmese foreign minister, and A.S.M. Mostafizur Rahman, his Bangladeshi

counterpart. The agreements come after four days of talks between senior Burmese and Bangladeshi officials in Dhaka. Raлgoon has agreed to take back all the refugees who are able to prove their residence in Burma, officials said.

About 225,000 Muslim refugees crossed into Bangladesh from the bordering Arakan province, claiming torture and rape by the Buddhist Burmese army. Burma's ruling military junta denied that its army had committed excesses and said the refugees were illegal settlers fleeing from routine checks.

Border tension mounted as Burma began mobilising troops last January triggering an army alert in Bangladesh. The present negotiations were held against the backdrop of a UN initiative for a peaceful settlement of the refugæ problem.

WINNIE Mandela was back in the South African

headlines yesterday after a

bravura performance on

television in which she

howed a demure, sympa-

thetic, almost schoolgirlish

charm. The interview

marked another stage in

her fight to re-establish her-

She denied, or declined

to talk about the web of

brutality and corruption

that led to her prison sen-

tence for kidnapping and

assault, her separation from Nelson Mandela, her

husband and president of

the African National Con-

gress, and her resignation

from her job as head of the

social welfare department

within the ANC But she

left viewers in no doubt

that she intends to contin-

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It is also clear that if she

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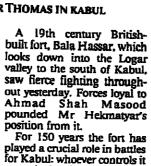
the nation" she will be a

severe embarrassment to

the mainstream leaders of

the ANC, and inevitably

self as a political force.



controls the city. It is located on a rise above a poor Hazara suburb called Chandawal in the southeast of the capital, where families live in old shipping containers and makeshift mud dwellings.

As the bombing continued, people threw themselves to the ground and some were hit by shrapnel. Machinegun bursts and rifle fire, irrelevant though it was, added to the terror of families huddled in corners. Enrico Cappozzo, an Italian television cameraman, was hit in the head by shrapnel. The Red Cross hospital said he was out of danger after an emergency

The battle for Bala Hassar went on late into the evening. Fighter planes flew overhead. flown by air force pilots who have switched loyalties from the old government to the Mujahidin. General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern-based militia commander who heads a powerful alliance of army, militia and Mujahidin, poured men into the city aboard Russianmade Antonov transporters. Military analysts estimate that he has up to 30,000 men at his immediate disposal.

Fights went on inside the city all day. Outside the ministry of the interior building, which Hekmatyar's forces control, Mujahidin fighters wandered around firing into the air to assert territorial control. It was evident, however, that they were reluctant to fire on each other. The bunkered Indian Embassy is almost opposite; the Indians are among 500 foreigners still in the capital.

The mission from Peshawar is headed by Sibghatullah Mojadidi, a moderate Pashtun leader. The proposed 50-man interim council, which is meant to last for two months, will attempt to hand over power to an interim government that is in turn supposed to govern for another four months.

Hekmatyar's office in Pe-shawar said it would have nothing to do with the plan and that it would halt the convoy of council members before it reached the capital.



Masood: holds the key fort of Bala Hassar

will provoke hostility from the white community to-

wards the process of recon-

ciliation and political

renewal now painfully

Her battle to show that

she has a political person-

ality quite separate from

that of her husband has

taken her on a whirlwind

tour of trouble spots since

her resignation just over a

week ago. Since she was written off then as a polit-

ical nonentity she has ap-peared at the scenes of

township violence, berating

the government and the

Inkatha Freedom Party,

and fulminating against

the negotiations between

the political leaders in the

Convention for a Demo-

She popped up after bru-

tality and a series of

shootings in East Rand

squatter camps; she com-

forted the bereaved after

incidents in Soweto, out-

cratic South Africa.

under way in the country.

ANC militants still have a champion

in their leader's estranged wife, writes

Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg



Stairway to power: one of the mujahidin loyal to General Abdul Rashid Dustom climbing the main staircase of Kabul's presidential palace yesterday

Assad expected to lift travel restrictions on Syrian Jews

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Assad of Syria is expected to make an imporweek when he announces the lifting of travel restrictions on Syria's 4,000-strong Jewish community.

The move is likely to coin-

cide with peace negotiations in Washington between Israel and its Arab neighbours. It is seen as an attempt to im-prove the Syrian leader's standing in the West and to put pressure on Israel to reciprocate with a confidencebuilding measure of its own. President Assad's decision

was first revealed last week in

Damascus when he met chief

rabbi Albert Ibrahim Hamra, the head of the Syrian Jewish community, and assured him that the strict travel regulations on Jews leaving the country would be removed. "At this stage we have only received a verbal assurance but we expect within four or five days to receive an official announcement in writing from President Assad," Rabbi Hamra said. All Syrian nationals currently require an exit visa to leave their country, but Jewish citizens face additional travel restrictions. For instance, a Syrian Jew wishing to travel abroad is usually required to leave a financial deposit and some family members behind as a

guarantee of return. Although Israel yesterday remained sceptical about President Assad's motives and trustworthiness, the move will certainly help to improve the atmosphere be-

side Johannesburg. She sheltered one of the victims

of a vicious raid in

Sharpeville. Last week she

told the South African

Press Association: "We are

certainly not going to keep

on talking to a government that is killing our people,"

and at the weekend she was

in Sharpeville again for the

funeral of nine victims of

the most potent crowd-

pleasing platform speakers among black leaders. Her

fiery rhetoric helps her to

express the views of the

squatters, the former mem-

bers of the Umkhonto we

Sizwe - the military wing

of the ANC - and those

who feel unrepresented by

These amount to a pow-

erful constituency and, ac-

cording to Tom Lodge, as-sociate professor of politics at Witwatersrand Univer-

sity, could hinder the

the political institutions.

Mrs Mandela is one of

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anisation, and municipal

polls could lead to significant

victories for radical funda-

the peace talks.

sensitivity to their Jewish minority when last week, during the Jewish Passover holiday. they ordered the release of two Jewish brothers who had been imprisoned since 1987. For its part, Israel earlier this month dispatched navy ships to help a Syrian freighter in distress in the eastern Mediterranean. The ship was towed to the port of Haifa. repaired and sent on its way. Earlier this year Israel allowed a Syrian military he licopter to fly a resupply mission to a Syrian army post

stranded by heavy snow in the

Golan Heights. The Middle East peace talks resumed in Washington yesterday amid signs that Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, has instructed his delegation to offer the Palestinians municipal elec-tions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Falling far short of Palestinian demands for full self-government in the occupied territories, the proposal has been designed with the June Israeli election in mind. With his Likud party running well behind in the opinion polls, Mr Shamir needs to appeal to moderate voters while keeping the support of rightwingers opposed

to any compromises.

Members of the Palestin-

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to take advantage of her ability to move crowds and

of her undoubted charisma

and bravery. Peter Mo-

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youth wing, has been her

staunch supporter ever

since she backed him

against allegations that he

was a police spy.
The youth wing is impor-

tant in the townships

thanks to its large and growing membership and

to the generally higher level

of education among its

members than among party

members as a whole. Harry

Gwala, hardline leader of the Natal Midlands and a

considerable politician in his own right, is said to need all the help he can get

outside his own barony.

and when she shared a plat-

form with him in Richmond

in Natal she was cheered to

the echo for an attack on President de Klerk and

Chief Mangosutho Buth-elezi, the Inkatha leader.

But there are people

Jackson threat alarms Clinton campaign team

Clinton aides, trying to avoid the Jackson connection, hope his latest move is a last desperate throw, Peter Stothard. US Editor, writes from Philadelphia

THE Rev Jesse Jackson staked a menacing claim to the Democratic vice-presidential candidacy yesterday. threatening to react against Bill Clinton's bid for the White House if he was "ignored or rejected".

Speaking on the eve of today's Pennsylvania primary, he said he was "ready for an opportunity to serve" but he might withdraw his support for the ticket if he was not a member of it. He called himself the "running mate of the party", referring to his two past unsuccessful bids for the presidency and his support for the main candidates in this year's campaign.

The news was greeted with public politeness and private horror by the Clinton cam-paign, which sees benefit only in outmanoeuvring Mr Jackson, not in joining its forces with him. "We have plenty of time after Pennsylvania for that decision," an official

Senior advisers to Mr Clinton want a non-political figure to be vice-presidential candididate. This is both to counter the potential appeal of Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire and third party candidate, and also to avoid having to reject Mr Jackson in favour of another politician. The Jackson platform is seen as being even better designed to offend the American middle class voter than the Clinton campaign is planned to attract it.

Mr Jackson said yesterday that he was "reaching out" to those groups, including Jews and supporters of Israel, whom he has offended in the past. "I apologise for any offence I may have caused." he said.

For Mr Clinton's aides, whose New York strategy last month was carefully laid down in order to avoid the Jackson connection, no apology is likely to be enough. They hope that yesterday's move will turn out to be a trouble.

The Pennsylvania campaign had been mostly calm until yesterday's intervention by Mr Jackson. In fact. only certain parts of Bill Clinton are still fighting primary bat-tles; his tired vocal chords. aching right arm and expanding stomach are all being operated by an automatic pilot somewhere deep in the candidate's brain. Last night, while these battered bodily parts were making a last appeal for votes that have mostly been won, the candi-date's heart and mind were

dent Bush in November. Mr Clinton's most noticeable aide this week has not been his pollster or policy director but his throat doctor, a figure whose one command is "don't". Yesterday Mr Clinton disobeyed this instruction as little as possible, delivering a familiar eve-of-poll address beneath the giant statue of William Penn at City Hall, and leaving his television commercials to do the hard work of delivering the faithful to the polling booths. A few of the faithful may be all that will be necessary in a lowpowered primary like this where turnout is expected to

on the main battle still to

come - that against Presi-

He promised to make it "fun to be an American again" by injecting a new sense of national purpose into the economy. He said that if he were elected there would be an end to the policies that for ten years had "favoured

Jerry Brown, who has irri-tated Philadelphians by call-ing their city "worse than Calcutta", has been eclipsed by interest in Mr Perot. He is predicted to perform poorly today, not least because the American press and television find it hard to concentrate on more than one outsider at

Mr Brown had aiready asked Mr Jackson to be his running mate and suffered

Deng will crush democrats

Deng Xiaoping. China's paramount leader, said force will be used to crush any democratic movement as at Tiananmen Square in 1989. An article in the People's Daily confirmed that his recent calls for reform will be strictly confined to the economic sphere and that no challenge to the political monopoly of the Communist party will be tolerated.

For the first time a poet in Israel has been convicted of a crime for his works when a court found Shafik Habib, 51, an Israeli Arab, guilty of fomenting violence in a collection of poems that praised the Palestinian intifada. He was fined £1,750 and given

three-years' probation. New statues and public portraits will be unveiled in dozens of Iraqi cities and towns to mark the 55th birthday of President Saddam Hussein today. A million youth will pledge loyalty in ceremonies

around the country.

Toots Thiclemans, who turned the harmonica into a full-blown jazz instrument, turns 70 tomorrow. But friends Quincy Jones

and Ray Brown could not wait that long and joined European jazz celebrities to pay tribute to the Belgian sent a videotaped message saying, "You really 70, man? I cannot believe it."

Romania's former King Michael, 70, received an enthusiastic welcome when he visited the royal tombs west of Bucharest. He was visibly moved as crowds, estimated at about 50,000. shouted "We love you, your majesty," and "Michael, King of Romanians".

Barbra Streisand celebrated her 50th birthday with a party attended by about 350 guests, among whom were Tom Hanks, Goldie Hawn, Nick Nolte. Meryl Streep and Jon Peters



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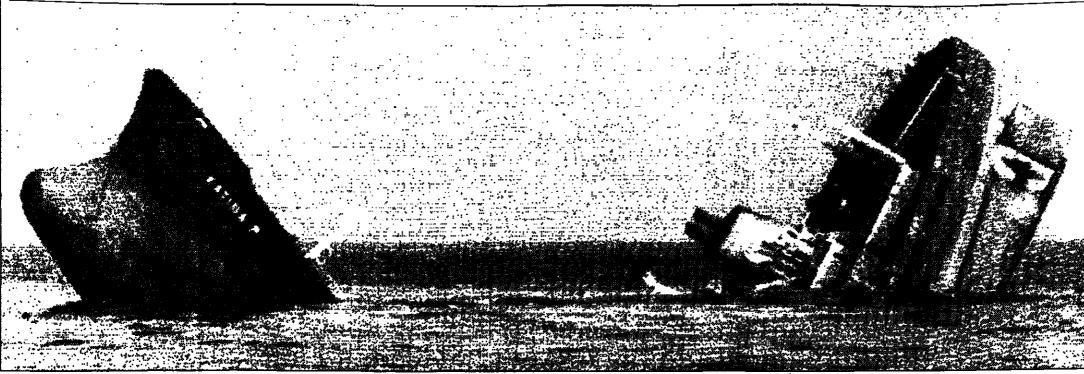
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Fore and aft: the Greek-owned Katina P sinking 90 miles off Mozambique, spilling 4.8 million gallons of oil into the Indian ocean. There was no immediate threat of coastal pollution

Ministers welcome Russian reforms

Washington: The state-ment of the Group of Sev-en on their meeting with Russian representatives

☐ The finance ministers and central bank gover-nors of the G7 countries met today deputy prime minister Yegor Gaidar and other representatives of the Russian Federation to discuss the historic events unfolding in Russia.

☐ The ministers ... and reforms already undertaken in Russia. They underscored that there is no productive alternative to establishing a market economy in Russia through the adoption of strong and comprehensive macroeconomic and structural reforms. They urged Russia and the International Monetary Fund to complete negotiations at an early date on a comprehensive stabilisation and reform programme that provides for reduction of the budget deficit to stab-ilise the economy and reduce the role of government; curbing monetary growth to bring inflation under control and stop the extension of credit to unviable enterprises; establishment of the legal frame work and contractual rights necessary to permit the development of a market economy, including privatisation and private ownership; reform of the agriculture and energy sectors to promote increased production and help earn foreign exchange; a foreign exchange mobilisa-tion system that enables the independent states of the former Soviet Union to meet their international payments, [and] a unified and market-determined

exchange rate set at a real-istic level. ☐ In this context, the ministers and governors expressed their commitment to support Russia's reform efforts during the difficult period of transition by providing the recently announced \$24 billion (£13.5 billion) multilateral financial assistance package within the context of an

agreed IMF programme.

Former Soviet republics given IMF membership

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN WASHINGTON

RUSSIA and 13 of the forof the former Soviet empire fully into a free-market fold. mer Soviet republics including the Baltic states have been Membership of the Washgranted membership of the International Monetary ington-based institution is a condition Russia has to meet Fund (IMF), giving the org-anisation the biggest challto qualify for the \$24-billion (£14-million) package the Group of Seven leading industrial countries approved on Sunday. It will also unlock billions of dollars from the IME and World Page. enge in its 48-year history. Azerbaijan joins next month. The IMF, which came to the rescue of Britain when the

IMF and World Bank. Labour government ran into The immediate package balance-of-payments difficulties in 1976, will play a cruprovides cash help for essential imports and economic stabilisation. Originally put cial role in Western efforts to

forward by President Bush, it received formal blessing from finance ministers and central eral assistance must be accompanied by a programme of reform drawn up by the IMF. The ministers and central bankers insisted that there was "no productive alternative to establishing a free market system in Russia than

the adoption of strong and

Western rivals use aid to win influence in Russia

RUSSIA should look carefully at the dentistry of the latest gift horse from the West. The aid programme of \$24 billion (£13.5 billion) agreed by the Group of Seven in Washington is impressive, but much of it may be frittered away on duplicated projects or bureaucratic battles.

Large aid programmes in Eastern Europe have already become a field of competition between America and the European Community as they jostle for influence in the region. In Russia, where the stakes are higher, the competition is likely to be even more

The tension surfaced recently when the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development met in Budapest. Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary. said the bank's plans to lend cheaply for long-term reconstruction would be a serious diversion. America is the bank's largest shareholder and is suspicious not only about duplication (such lending is already the task of the World Bank) but also about Jacques Attali, the reconstruction bank's chief.

American aid specialists are worried that money will be used to prop up state-run factories in the East. Bank officials say that it cannot confine itself to the private sector as long as the privatisation of Eastern Europe is proceeding so sluggishly. The on duplicate projects, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent writes

Much of the Western cash may be wasted

bank has more money than projects. The American view is not

just a matter of philosophy. There is also naked competition which makes nonsense of claims that there is a concerted Western aid effort for the East. in Poland, for example, there has been a scramble to promote different housing mortgage schemes. At the moment, the World Bank programme, heavily influenced by the American model, dominates the planning of the Polish government. But other European countries believe they have something to offer and point to the many flaws in the American mort-

gage system. Polish farmers seeking advice on crop rotation or access to an information bank can turn to the Polish-American Extension Project, backed by America, or the European Community's Co-operative Development Unit. They seem to provide exactly the same service. American aid specialists say they have been faster on the draw. European specialists say they are more

attuned to Polish needs. In theory, these overlap-ping services should be coordinated by a Polish task force. In fact, the decisions

are made in Washington and Brussels and the best the Poles can do is tip off potential donors that there is somebody already active in the

"The British know-how fund tries to avoid duplications," Michael Davenport, the fund's key official in Poland, says. He nevertheless admits that there is a problem of overlap as aid ideas and money flow in from different directions. Sometimes the need is so

huge that transatiantic competition does no harm. The Polish government aims to have 20,000 trained teachers by the end of the decade. At first, the British, helped by the know-how fund, made the running and heiped to set up teacher training colleges. Then the Americans moved in and now British and American consultants are involved. The best barometer of this aid war is the way Poles swing between British and Ameri-

can English.

Aid donors are right to demand reform in return for their offering. But the aid beneficiaries should have the right to reject duplicated assistance or at least be able to insist that programmes are properly co-ordinated.

year equalled 20 per cent of the GNP. Inflation this year is forecast to surge an annual

1,000 per cent.
The \$24-billion package comprises \$18 billion of financial support for this year. Some \$11 billion will be in the form of export guarantees and food aid from the G7 and European Community countries. The international institutions, including the IMF, will provide about \$4.5 billion in credit. The extension of additional time being allowed for Russia to repay its foreign debt amounts to a further \$2.5 billion. Extra aid from Scandinavia and Aus-

tria is also included. To make the rouble a credible currency, a \$6-billion fund is foreseen to stabilise the currency and make it fully convertible. This stabilisation fund will come from a special credit facility previously used for lending between the leading industrial nations only.

Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, said there was no set timetable for implementation, and that he was not even totally sure it was what the Russians wanted in the end. But Yegor Gaidar, the Russian, deputy prime minister and architect of radical economic reforms confidently predicted agree

ment on the fund by July 1.
Russia would be fully transformed into a market economy by the end of the century, he assured American businessmen in Washington.

• Brussels: Carlo Ripa di Meana, the EC's environment commissioner, yesterday appealed to the West to help Russia and Ukraine shut down their old Chemobyltype nuclear reactors. (Tom

Signor Ripa di Meana said if further nuclear accidents were to be avoided, the G7 summit in Munich in July would have to address the problem of decommissioning the reactors, pooling assis-tance from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank and the EC's own lending arm, the European Investment Bank.

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Man in the news **Economist sets**

forceful tone

Faith in the free market puts Yegor Gaidar in the Thatcher mould Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

YEGOR Timurevich Gaidar, Russia's first deputy prime minister and its negotiator in Washington, is a man of short stature with a round, baby face. But he radiates confidence and

He is committed to cur-ing the ills of Russia's economy, and he thinks he knows how to do so. If he is frustrated, he will quit. Indeed, as a threat he and his ministers last week submitted their collective resignation to President Yeltsin.

Mr Gaidar is one of independent Russia's new breed of politicians. He does not need to work in govern-ment. He does not need the money, and he does not need the kudos. Before joining the government he was director of the Institute of Economic Policy in Mos-cow, where reform-minded economists were concentrated. Before, that he

Gaidar: If his reforms

founder he will quit was a full-time researcher at the Academy of Sciences. and economics editor for the theoretical Communist party journal, Kommunist, and for Pravda, the party's newspaper at the time. He speaks and writes well. He has good English, also Spanish and Serbo-Croat. and a doctoral degree.

His conviction and selfassurance are qualities that infuriate his opponents even before they start to consider

his views, which owe much to Hayek - and Thatcher. His manner tells them he does not care what they

The recent Russian Congress of People's Deputies was Mr Gaidar's baptism of fire, and he acquitted him-self with distinction. He responded to almost all straight attacks on policy with such fire and certainty that even his opponents were impressed. The attacks at the con-

eress did force a measure of compromise and exposed, briefly, one of Mr Gaidar's nesses. Political subtlety and manoeuvring is not his way. He was unnecessarily upset by the con-gress's initial assessment of his economic reform proing that it represented a reasonable improvement on the draft and kept most of his policies intact. He de-manded, and received almost in full, a more specific commitment to reform and the government's right to

Mr Gaidar is a free-market economist par excel-lence. He would like to control the money supply more than he has been able to do, and he would like privatisation, or rather denationalisation, to proceed much faster.

Where else would a government have been able to preside over price rises of 300 per cent in a month and remain in office?. One reason, of course, is that many people were already paying high black market prices. The main reason, however, is that Mr Gaidar knew what he could get away with, and Mr Yeltsin trusted his judgment.

Mr Yeltsin's faith in Mr Gaidar is what brought him to office and what sustained him in the first few months. But there are signs now that Mr Gaidar could, perhaps, be appointed prime minister in his own right and

World Cup stadium bribery alleged

Rome: Antonio di Pietro, Milan's acting public prosecutor, is investigating allegations that local councillors received bribes in return for awarding building contracts for an extension to the San Siro World Cup football stadium and for a new theatre (John Phillips writes).

Signor di Pietro, who is leading an enquiry into a corruption scandal involving Mario Chiesa, formerly a close associate of Bertino Craxi, the Socialist leader. says he has heard evidence from several businessmen that Milanese councillors had received up to £60 million in illegal payments over the past ten years. Newspapers reported that magistrates were investigating if there had been irregularities in the distribution of the contracts. Signor Chiesa, who was a

Socialist party activist for 20 years, was arrested in February on charges of embezzlewidening of the scandal threatens even further to tarnish Milan's reputation for

Walesa acts

Warsaw: President Walesa of Poland increased pressure on Jan Olszewski, his prime minister, to step down, producing two replacements: Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a former prime minister, and Andrzej Ole-chowski, the finance minister. (Reuter)

Police strike

Brussels: The Liège police force is on hunger strike, vowing to continue until the city council restores salaries to national levels. Belgian police are not allowed to take industrial action. By yesterday half the force was missing

Dockers return

Paris: French dockers returned to work after a five-day strike over changes in working practices that closed ports and cost an estimated billion francs (£100 million). The government has agreed to discuss the reforms with the

Capital hit

ing a ten-year-old child, were killed in missile attacks on Stepanakert, capital of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. Fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenian forces also raged in other areas. (Reuter)

Police attacked

Istanbul: Eight riot police were wounded, one seriously, when their minibus was raked by fire from automatic weapons on the outskirts of the city. The attack is the latest in a series by left-wing and Kurdish groups in Istanbul in recent months. (AP)

Trains planned

Brussels: Europe's railways unveiled plans at a three-day Eurailspeed '92 conference for a continent-wide high-speed network which would lash journey times by up to a half between the Atlantic and the Urals from early next century. (Reuter)

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isolation, Serbia and Montenegro vesterday praclaimed the foundation of a new Yu-Social state and predeed to respect the terminal integrity of their neighbours In a ceremony boyconed by almost all European counthe and the United States, albeit shrunken. Yugoslavia which would be a successor to the states created in 1918 and 1944. This will be the real one said Biagoje Adoc. Yugoslavia's acting defence

The United States has led European countries in condemning Serbia for "aggression" aggins its newly nia-Herzegovina, Serbia was

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Champion of Europe goes before the dream turns sour



Schwaetzer: takes over

marck's comment that "Those who speak of Europe are wrong," Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who announced yesterday that he would step down as German foreign minister, has done little else but talk Europe during his record-breaking tenure. But his departure is the most striking political signal so far of Germany's creeping unease with European unification. Bismarck's crisp opinion is coming back into

The German foreign minister was a constant presence at every ministerial meeting held between the Atlantic and the Urals for almost two decades. No important question could be broached at any international body without Herr Genscher's long-winded contribution. His pronouncements were invariably

Herr Genscher's departure is the most striking political signal so far of creeping unease in Germany over European unity, George Brock writes

influential, although notorious for their vagueness and the length of their sub-

Herr Genscher's unexpected resignation moves Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, into a position of unusual influence within the pivotal European Community council of foreign ministers as Britain prepares to take over the EC's rotating presidency in July. No succeeding German foreign minister will be a match for Herr Genscher. France's foreign policy the government's low stand-

government. Whatever Herr Genscher's exact motives for leaving his job next month. his role was transformed when the map of post-war Europe began to be redrawn three years ago. Until Mikhail Gorbachev transformed the Soviet Union, Germany's role in Europe and the world was defined by a clear and unchanging

Germany's only armed force was carefully embedded in a Nato overseen by America. Its economy accounted for a quarter of the EC's gross national product but over sensitive questions of political

follow the lead of an economically weaker France, sedulously tending a powerful Paris-Bonn axis. A genuine belief in federal European integration ran stronger inside the German political class than anywhere else in the EC. But faith in a united Europe had an added importhe Soviet empire. tance; an integrated western Europe was a vital pre-condi-

integration, Germany would

tion for German reunification. Only if the rest of Europe was sure that their newly-enlarged partner was safely clamped into a supra-national EC, the argument ran, would fears of an allpowerful Germany be soothed away.

This equation is still taken as an article of faith by the majority of German politicians and will continue to drive much German policy in Europe, particularly when

Herr Genscher's protège. Irmgard Schwaetzer, takes over the foreign ministry. But precisely because German and European unification did not happen at the same time - and were never likely to - "Genscherism" began to seem out of sorts with the new world born out of the ruins of

By the end of 1990, Herr Genscher and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, had bargained the return of German sovereignty and unity at extraordinary speed. Herr Genscher's great task was done. "I'm not sure that he has a scheme for the rest of his working life." Sir Julian Bullard, an ex-British ambassador in Bonn, said last year.

Herr Kohl and Herr Genscher both failed to detect their allies' irritation at Germany's lofty disdain for the sordid realities of the Gulí

war until too late. Both men came to a European summit in Luxembourg last summer and joined the hopeful chorus that Yugoslavia could be held together until a looser federation could be arranged.

They returned to Bonn and

a storm of criticism that they had feebly fallen in with a shabby consensus which neglected Slovenia and Croatia's just claims to independence. Germany's diplomacy, now unfettered by worries over prejudicing reunification or upsetting the mighty Soviet Union, took on a harder edge. In December Herr Genscher railroaded the EC into premature recognition of both the ex-Yugoslav republies, thumbing his nose at ideas of more closely co-

the Maastricht treaty. As the implications of Maastricht sank in, grumbles

ordinated foreign policies in

grew over the anticipated loss of the Deutschmark by the end of the century. Although Herr Genscher professes blithe optimism about the ranfication of Maastricht in Germany - the vote will be "no problem", he said in France at the weekend - the prospect of a decade of intighting over the schedule for a single currency must have looked dispiriting to a manwho gave the project such a strong push.

At the EC's Hanover summit in 1958, most governments were cool towards a scheme to set up a committee under Jacques Delors, the European Commission's president, to map a path to monetary union. Herr Genscher weighed in to support the plan and the committee was born. M. Delors and the single currency have not broked back since.

Nationwide strike cripples Germany

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND JOHN HOLLAND IN BERLIN

TENS of thousands of west German public-service workers held their first strike in 18 years yesterday, disrupting travel and postal and waste collection services. The action in support of a pay claim could be the start of the worst labour unrest in Germany since the war.

The public-service union. which has a 600-million mark (£200-million) strike fund, is organising a series of strikes around the country. They should cost no more than a million marks a day in strike pay, which means that services in seven of the 11 west German Länder were

targeted. No buses, underground or commuter trains ran in most big cities, including west Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt and Stuttgart.
In Berlin, radios appealed

for commuters to pick up passengers and to watch out for the many extra cyclists. weaving through the traffic on their way to work. The city hired 100 private buses as an emergency relief which added



Day of chaos: Bild's comment on yesterday's strike by public-service workers, their first in 18 years

Workers sicken of Kohl's harsh diet

By IAN MURRAY

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, returned from his annual stimming holiday yesterday to find himself confronted by what the newspaper Bild headlined

The country he proudly led to unification only 18 months ago was beset by its worst ever strike. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his most experienced cabinet minister, announced his resignation and Gerda Hasselfeldt, his health minister, stepped down after 18 ineffectual months in office.

Opinion polls show the chancellor's Christian Democrats (CDU) at their lowest ebb since 1953, while the right-wing Republicans would certainly win seats in the Bundesiag if an election were held tomorrow. Even the national football team, world champions in unification year, had only been able to scramble an undignified draw with Czechoslovakia. The chancellor, who coyly refused to say yesterday how much weight he had lost over

Easter, could well worry away a few more pounds. Herr Kohl appears to have been overwhelmed by events.

turn eastern Germany into a "flourishing landscape" without raising taxes has under-

ble "partner in world leadership" with America.

10-year high, thanks to unifi-cation costs. The Bundesbank is maintaining interest rates at a level which makes the economic recovery of the rest of the world much more difficult. Public borrow ing has swollen the national debt to the point where a quarter of the budget is need-

ed to service it. The unions now believe that they have made enough sacrifices. Workers in the west see their living standards threatened while in the east one in three is out of work. Both sides blame the other, so what is now known as "the wall in the head" is growing

mined his popularity. His failure to win any significant political concessions during the Maastricht summit has started an internal debate about German commitment to his dream of a federal Europe. Germany's inability to send troops to the Gulf war destroyed his hopes of being accepted as a credi-

Inflation is running at a

His unfulfilled promise to higher by the day.

the action can be continued almost indefinitely.
Yesterday, public transport trains on the city's western all buses and underground trains on the city's western side were at a standstill. East of the Brandenburg Gate, east Berliners travelled on public transport that was still

running.

If the strike continues, however, Berlin is likely to smell a litte ripe later in the week. Forecasters are predicting sunny weather and rising temperatures do not augur well for refuse left by the dustmen's strike.

Elsewhere, many long-distance trains were delayed or cancelled and strikers at Hamburg prevented the de-parture of the prestige intercity express by blocking the line for a while. Hamburg harbour was blocked and lock-keepers down the Elbe refused to allow barges through.
Postal services were at a

virtual standstill everywhere. About eight million letters piled up over the weekend at one Hamburg sorting office alone and 20 tonnes of airmail could not be sent abroad. Over 20 main telephone exchanges were left without operators. In several Bavarian cities, gas, water and electricity workers joined

However, efforts to bring several Bonn ministries to a standstill largely failed. Most workers at the defence and economics ministry and the overnment press office defied the call to stop work. Top civil servants are not allowed by law to strike, but most secretaries and junior personnel, members of the union's white-collar section, turned up at their desks as usual.

Encouraged by the show of militancy, Frau Monika Wulf-Mathies, the union leader, said in Berlin that the government as employers had provoked the strike and now they had to come forward with a new offer. The union claim was for 9.5 per cent plus an extra holiday bonus, she said. There was no longer any question of a settlement in line with the 5.4 per cent suggested by an arbi-tration panel. The government has so far refused to go above 4.8 per cent.

In Essen, a young couple turned up to be married at the town hall, only to find the doors to the register office were closed by the strike. However the mayor, who was to perform the ceremony, set up a temporary office in a bus parked nearby. Pickets lined the way from the town hall to the bus, raising their arms to form a guard of honour as the couple walked through.

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Genscher survived political minefield

Michael Binvon studies the man at the helm of Germany's foreign policy for 18 years

IN GERMANY, the old ference between God and Genscher?" -- "God is ev-erywhere, but Genscher is everywhere except Bonn."
From May 17, the world's

longest-serving and most indefatigable foreign min-ister will no longer be seen at airports, summits and press conferences. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who has served in the cabinet for more than half the Federal Republic's lifetime, is retiring after 18 years as foreign minister, a month after his

His departure plunges his Free Democratic party and his government into crisis, and recalls his notorious desertion from the So-cial Democratic govern-ment of Helmut Schmidt in 1982. His support for the Christian Democrats brought Herr Kohl to power, but at a cost of bitter

a reputation for political guile and agility, so that, nine years later he was voted the most popular politician in Germany, and cartoonists dressed "Genschman" in the clothes of Batman. For Herr Genscher, a

Saxon who fied East Ger-many in 1952, his crowning achievement came on October 3, 1990, the day of German unification. It was the culmination of everything he had worked for in Eur ope: the patient cultivation of relations in the East, especially with Moscow, the constant reassurance to the West that a unified Ger many posed no threat and that the Germans wanted a European Germany, not a German Europe. It vindi-cated his early faith in Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet president, as a man who should be taken at his

Since unification, however, things have not gone well for him. The newly united country was left floundering by the Gulf war, and Herr Genscher's almost Panglossian belief in the spread of reason, peace and disarmament throughout the world was exposed as a lame response to dictat-

He was wrong-footed by the break-up of both the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, first advocating sup-







World stages: Herr Genscher, Germany's longest serving foreign minister, with Roy Hattersley in 1975, Andrei Gromyko in 1983 and Helmut Kohl and Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990. Colleagues paid tribute to his knowledge

port for the central governments and then, in a sudden policy switch, infu-riating Germany's European partners with his stubborn insistence on early recognition of Croatia and Slovenia. The man who spent a generation trying to expunge memories of the past was not the man to give voice to Germany's

new assertiveness. In recent months his critics on the right have accused him of serious mistakes, hinting that the man who spent too much time

"sitting on the solas" with former Soviet officials such as Andrei Gromyko and Leonid Brezhnev was not best placed to respond to the new exigiencies in the East. They demand something more vigorous than the middle-of-the-road platitudes that have been the leitmotif of German policy for two generations: predictability, compromise, reticence in using the country's political or economic muscle, an untrammelled faith in European unity and

an ersatz European patrio-

tism as a substitute for German nationalism.

He grew up poor in Halle. in East Germany. At the end of the war he could have staved in the West, but returned to Halle, his studies and his mother. Graduating as a lawyer, he became seriously ill with tuberculosis, 2 disease that has since dogged him in parallel with the heart disease that recently threatened him and may lie behind his resignation. He escaped by train to East Berlin and then the West in

1952, resumed his studies in Bremen and joined the Free Democrats. He moved up the party hierarchy, and by 1968 had become party leader, almost at once entering the government under Chancellor Schmidt

as interior minister. Irmgard Schwätzer, who succeeds him, can never duplicate the breadth of his experience and contacts. She, and Germany, may find that Genscherism continues to guide foreign policy long after he himself is

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International boycott greets the birth of a third Yugoslavia

FROM DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

IN AN attempt to head off sanctions and international isolation, Serbia and Montenegro yesterday proclaimed the foundation of a new Yugoslav state and pledged to respect the territorial integri-

ty of their neighbours. In a ceremony boycotted by almost all European countries and the United States, the two republics declared they were founding a third. albeit shrunken, Yugoslavia which would be a successor to the states created in 1918 and 1944. "This will be the real one," said Blagoje Adzic, Yugoslavia's acting defence

The United States has led European countries in condemning Serbia for "aggression" against its newly recognised neighbour, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Serbia was

given until tomorrow to rectify its behaviour or face an array of sanctions including suspension, as Yugoslavia, from the Conference on Security and Co-operation in

Europe. In a political masterstroke, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, brought forward the creation of a new state and yesterday a solemn declaration was read out in parliament which, on paper, commits Yugoslavia to everything demanded by the security conference.

The new state has pledged to respect the territorial integrity of its neighbours and to do more than is internationally demanded with regard to respect for human and minority rights. Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia have not been forgotten, for the new Yugo-



slavia does not exclude the possibility that they may, one day, join the new state. In this way President Milosevic, a past master at wriggling out of the tightest of political cor-

ners, appears to have secured his survival once again. Yesterday's ceremonies were boycotted by Serbia and Montenegro's opposition parties which stand for the independence of their

Over the last few weeks Serb militias, backed by the Serb-dominated federal army, have been securing large areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina for Bosnian Serbs. This operation has now been almost completed and a territorial link between Serbia and Serb areas of Bosnia and Croatia has been secured.

Following this military success and facing an angry international reaction, the Yugoslav army has now begun negotiations with the Bosnian government on its future in the republic that, by Belgrade's own definition, is now a foreign country. Asked if Serbs and Montenegrins in the Yugoslav army in Bosnia would now be withdrawn, Vladislav Jovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister, said:

"You can expect this".

Radmilo Bogdanovic, the president of Serbia's security and defence council, also said: "We must put a full stop to the activities of paramilitary formations." Until now the very existence of such groups has been vigorously denied in Belgrade. Mr Jovanovic added that Serbia had

now taken measures to pre-

vent armed groups crossing

the border into Bosnia. Serbia has now committed itself to everthing demanded by the international community but it remains to be seen whether security conference countries will accept the new state's claim to be the legal successor to the old. While non-aligned states and Russia attended yesterday's ceremony, the European and American boycott can be taken as meaning that Serbia and Montenegro cannot expect automatic recognition.

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Classless society can't get airborne

Janet Daley reflects on Virgin Atlantic's capitulation to the middle-class traveller

et another dream of egalitari-anism bites the dust. Richard Branson, who once talked of running a classless airline, has truly given up the ghost. Cheap and cheerful democracy in the skies was probably always doomed. Offering a service without petty snobberies would have been a heroic notion. Climbing aboard a plane which simply takes one from A to B without pretentious frills has enormous appeal for the young and the socially unassuming. But Virgin Atlantic has found not only that the profit margin on an airborne shuttle service would not be viable, but that passengers paying full "cheap" fares resent being seated next to lesser beings paying even cheaper fares on package deals. Virgin's top whack first class (which Branson, with determined irony, labelled "upper class") won the airline its share of expense account business customers with the help of an advertising campaign which sought to eliminate Virgin's poverty-stricken-student image) and put the concept of a People's Airline firmly out of the picture.

And so there were only two types of Virgin Atlantic passenger: the privileged sew and the rest. But as in some famous revolutionary experiments.

such a simple dichotomy did not prove sufficient to cope with the great 'On any type variety of the human condition. The model of of transport an airline utopia which proceeded from primpeople are itive communism to sensitive feudalism has now reached the 18th cento enforced tury. It is the middle classes who are clamouring for recognition. intimacy Virgin will in future

offer three options. Whether they will be known, in the original spirit of honesty, as "upper", "bourgeois" and "riff-raff", remains to be seen. The important lesson seems to be

that while a great many people do not exclusive niche in a social hierarchy, they do see themselves as being somewhat above the common herd. On an aeroplane, of course, this has more than symbolic significance. Anyone finding himself trapped in economy class with a mob of Manchester United supporters on their way to an international match will sympathise with the apparently shabby desire for a bit of social segregation. Indeed on any form of transport, even for short spans of time, people seem particularly sensitive to enforced intimacy with those they regard as socially inferior. Can this be due to the anonymity of travel, which means that one may be scarcely identifiable in an unsavoury crowd? Or perhaps to leaving home with one's own kind?

What seems inevitable is the inclination of people to sort themselves into roughly three types: those who perch unapologetically on the top (powerful, usually rich, and contentedly privileged); those who by virtue of poverty and powerlessness cannot deny that they are at the bottom, and that far more extensive and aspirant class in between. What used to be called the middle class in England (but not Scotland) was really an upper class manque, led by the learned professions and those whose profits in "trade" permitted them to ape the landed gentility of their aristocratic models. A true bourgeoisie in the European sense of a proudly ambitious burgher class prudent, thrifty and hard-working has always been derided as gauche ("suburban" and "nass").

But it is just this kind of middle class which is now boldly seizing its destiny: not only must Virgin Atlantic capitulate to the demand for a service in the middle ground between pseudo-aristocracy and the rabble, but many other services, both public and private, are having to cope with this newly strident and unabashed demand from the centre which has found its voice (and which grows ever larger as the working class becomes more affluent).

Emboldened by Thatcherism, the new middle has an enormous range and variety. No longer does being "middle class" mean a homogeneous lifestyle and tastes. There is another possibility: not middle class in the old fashioned home counties sense of upper-class life on the cheap, but certainly no longer working class. Much has been said about the economic enfranchisement of the mortgage: property ownership has been seen (disastrously and unnecessarily) as the definitive right of passage out of the passivity of working-class life. In European countries, where most affluent people rent apartments, the embourgeoisement of those who are rising requires no such irrevocable risk.

But whether home-owning or suffering repossession, employed or redun-

dant, the new recruits to the middle ground can never again be absorbed into the unreconstructed proletariat. Like Virgin's clientèle, they have chosen to distance themselves from the stratum which they consider beneath them, and that conscious decision is irreversible. As many an autobiographical novel has made clear, once a person has become with social aware of himself as a inferiors' creature of his own making, there is no going back. Which is why a

seemingly snobbish middle class will always be with us. Moving up and away from one's origins has much less to do with crass materialism (which is all that the Labour party imagines it is) than with the ability to define one's own life rather than having it defined by one's forebears.

That desire to pull away from the selfimmolating defeatism of British working-class culture was the motivating force behind the grammar school tra-dition. The widespread mourning for selective state schools is a much more profound sense of loss than the glib enemies of élitism allow: it is based on a conviction that the grammar schools provided a system of moral support for those who had discovered the right to define themselves. Losing the grammar schools meant that — as originally on Virgin Airlines — there were places only who were treated as indistinguishable from one another.

Occupying the vast middle ground in Britain now is a polyglot, many-layered diversity whose tastes conform to few stereotypes: drinking more wine and less beer, eating more brie and less cheddar, discovering the continent, going to restaurants, preferring wine bars to pubs, papering the walls with Laura Ashley rather than anaglypta or mixing and matching any arbitrary combination of the above to find a lifestyle that suits (and which may be dispensed with at will). For many people, being in the middle means being free and proud of it. Unlike the pilots on Virgin Atlantic, they are bravely steering without an autopilor. For while the bottom and the top of a society are its givens, it is in the space in the middle that one is allowed to find oneself.

 he overwhelming elec-tion of Betty Boothroyd as the first woman Speaker of the Commons was last night celebrated all parties over the government whips' office, for the populist choice over the preferences of

as a victory for backbenchers of the establishment — or, in Westminster terms, for the rank-and-file in Annie's Bar over the knights in the smoking room. And, so it is, up to a point. Miss Boothroyd is an ideal

Speaker for the television age, the first to be elected since the cameras arrived in 1989. Her well-judged and self-deprecating speech in yesterday's debate, with its lingering trace of her Yorkshire accent, punctured the cloying self-satisfaction of the Commons on such grand occasions. She is less remote from the ordinary viewer, or voter, than many of her predecessors. who have tended to appear as stuffy, bewigged defenders of a distant Westminster club. Peter Brooke, her main rival for the chair, was erudite and charming in his speech yesterday, as always, but he sounded too much a figure from a past age when Balliol men ruled.

By contrast, Miss Boothroyd has a more immediate, and wider, appeal. On becoming one of the deputy speakers in 1987 she told an enquiring MP 'Call me Madam"; this folksy charm and her brief period as a high-kicking Tiller girl made her the tabloids' favourite for the Speakership well before yesterday's election. She has been made to appear like a more decorous version of a popular television show host like Gloria Hunniford, slightly plump but

still handsome. But such appearances are also misleading. Miss Boothroyd is not an outsider, but very much an insider who has fought her way up the political ladder. At the time she was briefly a professional dancer, she was already involved in the Labour League of Youth. Now aged 62, she has been involved full-time in Labour politics since her early twenties, as secretary and assistant to various MPs and Lord Walston for twenty years. She has never married. She fought four elections, losing two Lab-our-held seats in tough contests, before entering the Commons at the fifth attempt after 16 years in 1973 for what is now West Bromwich (West). Few of her colleagues have surmounted so

n the Commons she quickly became a full member of the club, as an assistant whip, normally an all-male preserve, for two years. But otherwise she has been solely a backbencher. She was a member of Labour's delegation to the European assembly in the late 1970s, before serving in the establishment positions of the chairman's panel (chairing tion) and the House of Commons commission (responsible for administration), before becoming a deputy speaker. As John Biffen, her principal Tory backer, argued yesterday, her long apprenticeship has ensured that she can understand "the fraternity of suffering" the backbenchers.

Miss Boothroyd was also a strongly partisan figure on the Labour right, arguing consistently in favour of Britain's membership of the EC and attacking Militant and the extreme left. She regarded the election of Michael Foot as party leader as a "disaster".

There is a revealing passage in Tony Benn's Diaries, describing a fringe meeting of the

By popular demand



In good voice: the Speaker will need all her skills to control a House with many new members and a frustrated Opposition

right-wing Campaign for Labour Victory at a party regional conference in March 1980. Betty made an awful speech about how we need a radical policy but we can't be too far ahead of public opinion: that there is a great attraction to industry and perhaps we should consider giving people a share, a 'divvy' in the nationalised industries. We want to create a

society on the basis of consumer democracy." Twelve years on, Miss Boothroyd looks considerably more prescient - and in tune with public opinion — than Mr Benn But Miss Boothroyd has never been, or even promised to be, a leading political figure; she is more a doughty figher than a leader: intelligent and well-informed rather than intellectual. Her success, at least since the mid-1980s, has been as

a House of Commons figure, a member of the club. Unlike. Margaret Thatcher, for inmost though liked by only a few, Miss Boothroyd is popular with all but the most ideological on both the Labour and Tory benches. She has succeeded in the predominantly male world of Westminster not by becoming more macho than the men, but by competence, charm and by retaining her femininity. She may have liked a gin-and-

tonic while chatting to journalists and may have middlebrow tastes, but she is not someone to cross or to patronise. As Neil' Kinnock pointed out, she has shown steeliness at times, or she could not have survived her long apprenticeship or her six years on Labour's national executive committee during some of its stormiest years in the

Betty Boothroyd has succeeded at Westminster by competence

and charm, says Peter Riddell

1980s, when she often battled with the left.

As deputy speaker she has gradually gained in confidence when handling a difficult House, showing what Mr Biffen described as "authority and courtesy". Her earthy streak disarms MPs. She can be quite authoritative, and at times authoritarian, ... when... bringing people to order. She does not mind whom she tackles. She has been described, inevitably, as acting like a schoolmistress. But cation that like Dame Janet Fookes - at one time a possible Tory challenger for the Speakership — she is somehow schoolmarmish, Instead, Miss Boothroyd gives the impression that she knows who is being naughty and that they should stop it. because she might have been a bit naughty herself in the past. There is nothing of the prim spinster about her -rather the opposite. Her liveliness, indeed garrulousness in conversation, put off a number of the more traditional Tory MPs, who were worried that she

might not be quite dignified enough for the post. As Speaker, her job will be to keep the House on course in face of the often conflicting

demands from government and the Opposition, and — as Mr Benn reminded the House vesterday - from minority parties and from minorities within all parties. She must handle 650 MPs, most of whom feel they should have a say on the issues of the day. Bernard Weatherill, Speaker for the past nine years, has remarked that the job requires "total impartiality. complete fairness and absolute imperviousness to pressures brought by either of the frontbenches or anybody else".

pecial challenges will be presented by the new parliament. New memfifth of the House the highest bers make up just over a intake for more than 40 years. Moreover, both the continuation of Tory rule into a tourth term and the reduction in the government's majority to 21 will increase pressures, as well as compounding the frustra-tions of parliamentary life for the vast majority of Labour M Ps who have now never experienced anything other than opfrom all the opposition parties are a potentially explosive com-bination, with the Tories having only 11 of the 72 members from north of the border. The old maxim about the Opposition having its say while the government has its way will require even more delicate balancing than usual.

Miss Boothroyd showed yesterday that she is aware of these potential difficulties. Having a Labour MP as Speaker is a useful antidote to triumphalism on the Tory side. She has already shown she can handle the House. And as Gwyneth Dunwoody, her old friend and

seconder yesterday, pointed out. she has probably already thought of all the clever parliamentary manoeuvres devised by the party whips and "the usual The real question about her

Speakership is whether she will be too conventional, too conservative a defender of Westminster as it is. While the initiative for changes in procedure lies with the leader of the Commons and consultations between parties, the Speaker can have an influence Speaker Weatherill did not disguise his support for televising the Commons, and he will be remembered for sensibly . presiding over its introduction. In the new parliament, proposals will shortly be brought forward for changing hours, to reduce substantially the number of very late sittings. This would change the nature of the Commons, reducing the pressure on the increased number of members with young families, particularly the much larger group of women MPs. That is a chal lenge to the thinking of someone like Miss Boothroyd, for whom Westminster is everything in life.

As the first woman Speaker, Betty Boothroyd is assured of her place in the history of parli-ament. She also promises to be a highly capable, witty and fair occupant of the chair — better certainly than her two Labour predecessors. Horace King in the 1960s, with his growing difficulties over drink, and George Thomas in the late 1970s and early 1980s with his increasing snobbery and self-righteousness. Miss Boothroyd is more level-headed than either. As she said before yesterday's vote, "elect me for who I am, and not for what I was born."

...and moreover

petrol at anything over a middlesize garage, the registration number of your car spookily appears at the top of the receipt. How can a receipt know the number of my car when I can't

even remember its colour?
But then the whole purpose of garages is to make their customers feel unsettled. How else could they persuade motorway travellers to load their cars with the vast stocks of beachballs. deck quoits and sun-loungers they have on offer next to the Nat King Cole cassettes and the chicken tikka sandwiches?

With so many problems abounding in the media — sex problems and diet problems and green problems and royal problems - it is disturbing that garage problems, affecting at least 70 per cent of the population, have been so completely ignored. Is there anyone who does not live with the sneaking fear that the petrol pump will jam in his hand, spilling great waves of petrol all over the garage forecourt while his fellow pumpers look on aghast and the meter ticks ever upwards?

time of the day, and there is a queue of cars waiting behind each pump. You have finished pumping your petrol, but you have not yet paid. Do you leave the car where it is while you nip in to pay, so incurring the wrath of the queue, or do you get back in your car and drive out of the way, thus risking prosecution from the irate garagiste for attempted evasion of payment? My own garage traumas go back a long way, and may well result from the pathetic association 1 have always made be-tween the smell of petrol and the long and forlorn journey back to

my prep school. The antipathy is, alas, mutual. There is, I believe, something about me that brings out the very worst in garage mechanics, turning them all into bullies and know-alls. Meanwhile. I become a gibbering imbecile, combining craven with ill-disguised ignorance.

My first car was a Morris Minor, which I always used to take to the same garage for petrol, repairs, MOTs and so on. months. I thought I had managed to hoodwink the mechanics at this garage into thinking that I was a dab hand with motors, knew what a carburettor was and what to do when big ends started to appear. Though they probably had me down as a bit of a bookish type. I nevertheless felt that, by nodding knowingly at all their car-talk, I had earnt their respect. But one day entered when the chief mechanic was on the phone to his boss. "Hold on," I heard him say, "Mr Brown's just come in." There was a pause. "Yes... you know, Mr Brown. The one with the Morris!" There was a further pause. "That's right. Ha ha ha!" I found myself back in the

workshop of a garage last week-end. Our car wouldn't start, so a

friend had towed it to his local garage. As the mechanics looked underneath and tut-tutted and then opened the bonnet and tuttutted some more, I stood around with my arms crossed and a mechanical expression on my face, trying hard to look car-wise, all the time dreading they would ask me a question I

couldn't answer.

Eventually it came: "Ever looked under this bonnet before?" they said. "Actually, no." I replied, thinking they might let me off for being honest. They chuckled

ferociously to one another.

"Not even when you bought I wanted to say that there wouldn't have been any point, as wouldn't have noticed anything wrong even if the engine had been removed. Instead I said, "Ermmm ... I don't think so," as if I was in the habit of buying so many cars that it was hard to remember the exact ins

and outs of each purchase. "Where d'they put the spark-plugs on these, then?" one of them asked. It had become like one of those recurrent nightmares in which I am faced with an exam paper on a subject of

which I know nothing at all.
"Gwarght Just look at the
state of that!" he continued. By
this time. I wanted to donate my car to the garage on condition that they let me walk out with-out asking any more horrible questions. Two hours later, the car was fixed, but it can only be a matter of months before the nightmare begins again.

Gift of the garb

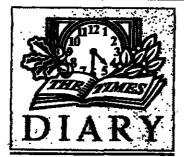
ONE OF Betty Boothroyd's first engagements as the new Speaker will be with Sir Hardy Amies, dressmaker by royal appointment to the Queen. Among the rival tenders, Boothroyd has already rejected an offer of a made-tomeasure Speaker's costume from the Savile Row firm run by her forerunner, Bernard Weatherill.

The house of Norman Hartnell still has an outside chance, but the commission for the elaborate costume is now almost certain to go to Amies. Hugh Holland, managing director of Bernard Weatherill Ltd. concedes: "We would have been honoured to have made the Speaker's outfit. But it is a very complicated and highly skilled process. It would have taken at least six months."

Amies is expected to get the job - which is worth about £2,500 -not only because he can produce the outfit more swiftly, but because of an old friendship. He made the black gown Boothroyd has worn since she became a deputy speaker. The designers will work in conjuction with Ede &

Ravenscroft, the court tailors. First. Boothroyd must decide what sort of costume to wear, as the traditional 18th-century breeches worn by past Speakers clearly present some difficulties. "I want to stay with the traditions of the Speakership over the centuries," says Boothroyd. "Obviously, though, the outfit will have to be adapted for me so that I do not deny my sex." She has not yet decided whether to sport her own striking locks or don the wig that has gone with the office since 1377. Speaker's House has a selection of eight for

her to choose from. Weatherill was yesterday de-



lighted to hear that Boothroyd is not planning any significant departure from tradition. "Uniform is important, because it draws attention to the office, not the holder". The velvet for his court dress, donated by the Federation of Master Taylors, is going to a new museum in Weatherill's former Croydon constituency, while his dress shoes will be displayed in the Jewel Tower in the Palace of West-minster minus their large buckles which go with the job.

• From Hogarth to the double whammy. The most memorable phrase of an otherwise unmemorable election campaign is about to be commemorated as a museum-piece in double-quick time. Labour's poster, which some members of the voting public took to be an advertisement for a new hamburger, will take its place later this week alongside the car-toons of Hogarth and Gillray in an exhibition of election fever or perhaps election fatigue - at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Among the most interesting exhibits is a 1983 pack of playing cards entitled Cabinet Shuffle. The spades are all Tories, the hearts Labour, diamonds are the Liberals' suit while the clubs are the SDP. And the jokers? Enoch Pow-

ell and Ian Paisley.

Canvassed again

SINCE HE rescued a Canaletto, it eems that scarcely a painting in Britain goes under the hammer without someone, somewhere ap-pealing to Andrew Lloyd Webber to save it for the nation. Yesterday, as Lloyd Webber unveiled his new purchase at the Tate, it was Salford council in Manchester, home of L.S. Lowry and his matchstick men. They wrote to the composer

I'm not keen on

Webber's cats

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asking him to step into the breach and save three of their favourite son's works - Industrial Landscape. The Football Match and On the Promenade - which over the weekend were removed after a long loan to Manchester's city art gallery, and are to go under the hammer at Sotheby's next month. They are expected to fetch £350.000.

But matchstick men, alas, are not to the Lloyd Webber taste. "I am not a great lover of his work," he said dismissively at the Tate yesterday. "There are certain works I would like to keep in Britain. Lowry's are not among them."

• Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, not to mention Peter Rabbit and Je-mima Puddleduck, are about to make their Covent Garden debut. Beatrix Potter's characters, who danced their way through Sir Frederick Ashton's film. will come to life on stage for what is believed to be the first time, the Royal Ballet will announce next week. Details remain secret until the new season is formally revealed by An-thony Dowell. However, the pro-duction will be heavily based on the 1971 film, the first ballet to be written especially for the screen. Darcey Bussell will play Jemima, who, in one of the film's most memorable scenes, dances a pas de deux with the gallant Foxy Gentleman.

Blacked!

ANGRY Edinburgh cabbies claim they are being treated as secondclass drivers compared with their London counterparts. They are at loggerheads with Scot-Rail over plans to charge them £1,000 a year to pick up fares from Waverley and Haymarket stations. Travellers to the Athens of the North next month could find themselves having to haul their luggage into a windswept Princes Street.

Dennis Cloney, general secre-tary of the Scottish Taxi Federation, says that unless ScotRail backs down. Edinburgh drivers will boycott the stations, refusing to set down or pick up passengers at the door. It is not a problem, the disgruntled Scots point out, that London cabbies face. Their pos-ition is enshrined in a 1907 Act which permits licenced hackney carriages to ply freely for business in London stations. Not a word about Edinburgh — another example of Sassenach discrimination, say the Scots, and yet more grist to the devolution mill.

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THE NOISE OF DEMOCRACY

The new House of Commons gathered at Westminster yesterday to elect a Speaker, its attention for once directed at itself rather than at government or party. Most MPs thus felt free to rally round the candidacy of the Labour backbencher, Betty Boothroyd, as the first woman Speaker in the office's long history. Such unpartisan focus on the good of Parliament should not be confined to one day. The institution needs reform to be more than a restless electoral college and inefficient legislative machine for the government of the day.

The drawn-out election found the nation more exhausted by the party battle than perhaps at any time since the war. The new Parliament should see in this a deep scepticism over its processes. Reform needs to be continuous if Parliament's methods are not to lag behind the needs of modern government. Margaret Thatcher ignored Parliament as anything but a stage on which she could shine. Her whips treated even the innovation of select committees as a sham. The Commons is a theatre, a club, a running opinion poll and a mob much given to hysteria. But its constitutional functions of deliberation, legislation and scrutiny have been woefully neglected for years.

As Miss Boothroyd reminded the House yesterday, since television cameras were allowed into the chamber in 1989 the "customer" for parliamentary business has directly included the public. The public has not been impressed. The most common fragment of parliamentary business to be broadcast is the twice-weekly prime minister's question time, a partisan verbal punch-up against a background that is unequalled in British public life for its bad manners. Everything to do with this absurd event is tailored to the news sound-bite. It conveys no information and is largely a test of repartee based on the day's newspapers.

The new Parliament inherits some timid and belated reform proposals from the last

days of its predecessor, notably in the report of a House of Commons committee published in February. These were designed to make life for MPs more convenient, above all an end to all-night sittings, which would never continue beyond 10.30. MPs would get more notice of their annual holidays, speeches would be shorter and the House would sit on fewer Fridays. Such reforms for the greater convenience of MPs are doubtless useful, especially to those with other jobs or families, but they are hardly revolutionary, nor do they answer to the Commons' constirutional inadequacy.

The conduct of debates and behaviour in the chamber both need review. Cross-party discussion of how to get better use out of question time, perhaps by rationing or screening supplementary questions, should be put in hand, along with a review of how to improve the consideration of bills during committee stages, perhaps in collaboration with the House of Lords. Patronage also

needs urgent review. John Major's appointment of Tony Newton as Leader of the Commons was described by Downing Street as a token of the prime minister's interest in reform. But how will he and Mr Newton fare against the "It was good enough in my young day ... " backlash? Probably a better chance of reform may lie not with the good intentions of older parliamentarians but with the impatience of the new blood. The Commons has 140 new members, and the proportion of women, though still less than 10 per cent, is now the largest in its history.

Mr Major is said to be considering a commitment to parliamentary reform in the Queen's Speech on May 6. Such reform is traditionally initiated by the government of the day, but it would come best out of the cross-party spirit shown at the Speaker's election yesterday. It was Parliament at its least rancorous and most effective. May that

MIRACLE OR DISEASE?

Britain should not resort too readily to their favourite German word Schadenfreude in viewing Germany's troubles that so closely recall the "British disease" of the 1970s. That country is suffering one of the biggest strikes since the second world war. The government is beset with economic difficulties and financial commitments that it seems unable to meet. The German Chancellor's popularity is at an all-time low as voters angered by tax scandals and immigration flows turn to far right parties and their nationalist slogans.

In other words, the German foreign minister. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, could not have chosen a worse time to resign. His own FDP party, lagging in the polls, looks more and more like a dwindling force dominated by his own political persona. Despite his reputation as an agile politician who has jumped ship before, Herr Genscher's decision is not informed by the same opportunism that took him out of the coalition with Helmut Schmidt and allowed Helmut Kohl to assume power in 1982.

There are no big differences of policy between the Chancellor and his coalition partner; no international crisis has wrongfooted Herr Genscher and left him the butt of domestic criticism as he was over the Gulf war. He appears to be leaving simply because he is tired of the job after 18 years, though his decision may have been spurred by the widespread criticism, probably shared also by the Chancellor, that he does not now represent the Zeitzeist. Germany no longer needs a man from the generation impelled to expiate the past and reassure nervous neighbours of its peaceful intentions. After unification, it needs a foreign minister able to assert German interests without inhibition, but without arousing antagonism.

Herr Kohl has appointed Irmgard Schwaetzer, a Free Democrat like Herr Genscher, who is unexceptionable but no heavyweight. He would have done better to make a quick switch of Volker Rühe, his suavely ambitious former party chairman,

from the defence ministry to the foreign ministry despite having only just appointed him to the former post. Herr Rühe, a vigorous and original conservative, represents the new thinking Germany needs in its relations with France, the former Soviet Union and the Atlantic alliance.

The Chancellor's hands have clearly been tied by the need to avoid a damaging row with the FDP. His dilemma illustrates the weakness of proportional representation, where one small party permanently holds the balance of power. Herr Kohl knows that he has much to do if his party is to win again in 1994. He must grapple with migrant thousands into the arms of the far right. He must start creating real unity between east and west within Germany, and persuade his western countrymen that the sacrifices they are being asked to make for unity are worthwhile. And he must find the money for all the promises to help the East as well as the large German share of the Community costs.

The current strike will probably end in the usual fudge. Maastricht is likely to be ratified, despite deep worries over loss of sovereignty and loss of control of the currency. But the economic outlook remains gloomy. Germany is now suffering a selfimposed industrial burden of high labour costs and comprehensive social benefits. It has still to overcome the mistake of the wrong conversion rate of the East German mark.

German's holiday ethic is replacing its famous work one. The Bundesbank alone cannot stem the inflationary pressures of the "British disease", though it can clearly impose on its own people and the rest of Europe the most cruel interest rates seen since the war. The Chancellor, often underestimated by his opponents, has a streak of ruthlessness which may enable him to overcome popular ennui after ten years in office. He is not yet being challenged by a credible Social Democratic opposition. But he needs new thinking: and not just in the foreign ministry.

EQUAL BUT DIFFERENT

Only a century has passed since Cambridge and then Oxford started to admit women as undergraduates, and much less than a century since they enjoyed full university rights. But does such recognition require that women and men should always cohabit in one institution? Of course there should be equality of opportunity in education for children of both sexes, and all races and classes and other categories. But should the ending of discrimination against women mean coeducation in everything?

The undergraduates of Somerville College. Oxford, are preparing to take legal action against their governing body for its decision to admit men as students, alleging breach of the college charter and statutes, breach of trust and contract, and breach of natural justice. They are supported by such exemplary graduates of their college as Margaret Thatcher and Shirley Williams. It is an odd and important twist in the long march to treating women as educable human beings, not least that the juniors are agents of continuity while some of their seniors, perhaps nostalgic for the battles of their youth, are agents of change.

Having once closed their shop to women (and other outsiders) for so long. Oxbridge went pell-mell for coeducation in the 1960s, led by King's, Cambridge. Men's colleges at the old universities all ceased to be male preserves, though the women's foundations took longer to fall. As a result, the quality of entry to Somerville, Girton and other women's colleges was diluted. From taking the pick of half the human race, they had to share their female applicants with all the other colleges.

Most of these formerly all-male colleges were older and superficially more desirable. From leading the field in examination results and in the quality of scholars in their senior common rooms, the women's colleges fell down the league tables. In particular they were poorer than the older colleges. Women graduates do not seem yet to be as keen accumulators of wealth (or as keen to leave it to their almas matres) as men.

One of the advantages of a collegiate university is that it can offer different colleges and courses to suit all tastes. In the aggressively free-enterprise world of American higher education, colleges or at least halls of residence for women only, and for various minority groups, are now springing up. Evidence already suggests that most girls perform better in single-sex schools. The tendency of smart boys' schools to admit girls to their sixth forms can amount to not liberation but piracy. It is highly probable that some single-sex colleges, for men as well as women, offer an option that many students want.

On Sunday Somerville undergraduates voted overwhelmingly to take legal action to try to arrest the college's change of status. They rightly insist equality of opportunity does not mean elimination of choice and variety in the range of colleges available to women. If they fail in their protest, all the more important will it then become that the other women's colleges. St Hilda's, Newnham, New Hall and Lucy Cavendish, continue to provide first class single-sex education for the brightest and best of Britain's women.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Whither the wig and the gown?

From His Honour Judge Paul Collins

Sir. Here at the coalface of the wigs and gowns industry we do not, pace David Pannick, QC ("Wigs and gowns are absurd dress for today's lawyers". April 24), believe that respect for judicial proceedings depends on the wearing of horsehair. Only last year, in an atmosphere of complete gravity, a Chancery judge dispensed justice flat on his back in his pyjamas.)

But a criminal trial is, and ought to be, a formal and different proceeding. The appropriate tone is not created, but marked by formal and different apparel worn by judge and advocates.

Of course our robes are anachronisms, but anachronisms are easy to justify: if it ain t broke, don't fix it. Perhaps the Commercial Bar Association would prefer to "privatise" the Commercial Court into an informal forum of arbitration rather than the place of public justice. Perhaps that would be a good idea. But the difference should not be overlooked. Meanwhile, if Mr Pannick's wig is

itching, he should have it deaned. Yours faithfully. PAUL COLLINS, The Crown Court, Knightsbridge, SW1. April 24.

From His Honour Judge Peter Jackson

Sir, Wigs and gowns must go, argues Mr Pannick, and you apparently agree with him ("Dash their wigs!"

leading article, April 27).

The "burden" and "handicap" of the wig to the Bench and Bar, as feared by Mr Pannick, does not appear to be supported by the high worldwide reputation of the Commercial Court and the enormous and well-deserved success of the Commercial Bar, at home and abroad. Legal robes, including hats in

some cases, are still worn in a number of countries in Europe, and the European Court of Justice pro-vides its judges with impressive if not glamorous robes. No disadvantages appear to flow from these practices. My experience, after many years of association with foreign lawyers, judges, legal academics and clients, is that our legal robes are greatly admired abroad, as adding to the dignity of the proceedings.

The public does not want any mere symbol of commitment to reform by lawyers abandoning their wigs, as suggested by Mr Pannick. It wants dignified system. It does not want a false atmosphere of informality introduced into public trials which, in reality, are serious occasions.

To claim that dispensing with robes is a positive step towards useful reform, in the light of the problems facing the profession, would be to attract criticism if not derision.

For centuries it has been part of English tradition that judges and lawyers wear wigs and gowns. That same tradition requires robes and uniforms for a wide range of public offices and functions.

The English have an enviable reputation as masters of ceremony. If wigs and gowns go. so much else may follow, from royal robes, perhaps, to the bearskin and the policeman's helmet. It is worth asking what such abolitions would achieve. Yours faithfully,

PETER JACKSON. 3 Pump Court, Temple, EC4. April 25.

From Mr Alum Bati

Sir. It has been a long time since I donned a wig and gown, but I never found my wig an "itchy symbol of a bygone age", as David Pannick suggests. The gown was admittedly uncomfortable in courts designed in a time when the only air-conditioner was a hand-held fan. But it was only uncomfortable because below it one (males, at least) wore a three-piece suit, wing-collar, and bands.

The wig and gown may be quaint, but they are also distinctive — the hallmarks of British advocates. It may be a sad reflection on society that we need such accoutrements to enhance the dignity of an occasion but I believe we do: their absence from the USA has hardly raised respect for the American legal pro-

Yours faithfully, ALUM BATI, Azabu Towers #304, 2-1-3 Azabudai, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106, Japan. April 27.

From Miss Anne Louise Davies Sir, I applaud David Pannick's

article about the absurdity of barristers' wigs and gowns. As one who has recently purchased both, dare I suggest that when judges consider their abolition they should consult impecunious pupils?

A wig costs £340, a gown over £100. Many pupils must borrow money for these items and would welcome their abolition. Yours hopefully

ANNE LOUISE DAVIES (Pupil barrister). The Pano Flat. 32a Cornwall Gardens. SW7. April 24.

Letters to the editor should carry a. daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Talking proper, in and out of class From Mr R. E. Allen The unpublished discussion pa The unpublished discussion paper

Sir. Your leader of April 22, "Logic of grammar", confuses linguistic correcrness and social acceptability.

Grammar is a codification of usage - or rather, of usages - and not a set of abstract principles to which all language must conform, like some kind of Mosaic law. We all use different grammars in different domains; "she come yesterday" is as valid a usage in certain localities and social contexts as "she came yes-terday" is in so-called standard

It is of course right that children should learn the form of English that is most socially acceptable, but they should realise that this is what standard English is, and that there are other varieties. It is not right that a social or intellectual élite should tell the rest of the linguistic community that these other varieties are "in-

As for logic, this is rarely discernible in grammar and still less in idiom, and most language-use is based on what is idiomatic and naturai.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT ALLEN, 10 Stapleton Road, Headington, Oxford. April 23.

From Ms Shona Walton

Sir, Your leading article contained a number of misrepresentations and inaccuracies. Members of this association have always believed that all pupils have the right to know how to speak and write standard British English and be able to use it properly when the occasion requires, and to suggest otherwise is the very opposite of the truth. Indeed, many of us are the examiners who mind about grammar and spelling.

The National Foundation for Educational Research has published a rigorous and comprehensive study of reading standards. This found no evidence of a decline in the reading standards of most children, but a worrying fall since 1985 in the standards being reached by the lowest-attaining pupils - those al-ready having difficulty. The NFER report found no

correlation between this fall and particular teaching methods or type of school. There was a strong correlation, however, with social deprivation in inner urban areas. This is of great concern to all of us, because these children are the ones most in need of individual support and specialist teaching, which schools and local education authorities can no longer afford to prov

In contrast, there is clear evidence of rising standards at GCSE, A and A/S levels, with more pupils achieving higher grades in all these examinations than ever before. For example, last year 440,000 candidates obtained a GCSE in English Literature - almost twice as many as in 1988, when the examination was

Town hall review

From Mr John A. Spence

Sir, Douglas Broom's article, "High cost of reform forces rethink over single-tier councils" (April 21), is interesting, as research emerging from studies undertaken as a result of the government's proposed review of local government is impressively in favour of counties as unitary authorities and should provide a clear guidance to the Local Government Commission. Counties as single-tier authorities would also be the

least costly reforms. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte's analysis of the implications of the government's proposals for Wales on the four counties of South Wales showed that its preference for district unitary authorities would cost an additional £31.4 million in the first year and £13.4 million in subsequent years; whereas the four counties as unitary authorities would save £2 million in the first year and £13 million in subsequent years.

The Association of County Councils estimates that county-based unitary authorities in England would save £600 million each year. This figure is based on preserving the 39 counties which at present carry 88 per cent of the cost of local services against a redistribution to the 296 districts with 12 per cent of the cost. Of course the fatal flaw in the

Elgin Marbles

From Mr A. R. A. Hobson Sir, I suggest that two principles should influence any decision about

the Parthenon marbles (letters, April The first is that any country has the

right to own the supreme work of art produced by its native genius. We should have cause to be sad if Salisbury, Ely, Lincoln and Durham cathedrals had been given away in the early 19th century and re-erected in a foreign country.

During the French Revolution the Psalter of St Louis found its way from Paris to St Petersburg. After 1815 Tsar Alexander I gave it back, an example of magnanimity that deserves to be remembered.

The second is that the greatest works of art should be shown in a context that will allow them to have the most intense aesthetic effect. The marbles cannot be re-erected on the Parthenon and must, for the time being, be displayed indoors. Even so they cannot fail to make a greater impact when seen on the Acropolis within a few yards of the building

study commissioned by govern-ment". Its authors neither produced a report nor made findings. The purpose of the paper was to help teachers to increase and make

to which you refer was produced by

the Language in the National Cur-

riculum Project, and was not "a

more effective their knowledge of our language and it was praised by the then minister of state. Mr Tim Eggar, in letters to myself among many others. The government's rea-sons for not making written materi-als designed for the training of teachers more widely available were its fears that they might be badly or inappropriately used outside the context of the in-service training programme. The minister supported their continued use in this context.

Your editorial does a disservice to the language and to young people by trivialising the issues. It is easy to set up ill-founded Aunt Sallys and much harder to help young people to a confident, adaptable knowledge of the languages they will need for adulthood.

Yours faithfully, SHONA WALTON (Vice-Chairman), National Association for the Teaching of English, Birley School, Fox Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From the General Secretary of the Society of Education Officers

Sir. The majority of educationists will support you in your defence of the teaching of grammar and spelling and will share your concern about the disadvantages for those who are not able to speak and write standard English.

For young children, however, there has to be a balance between encouraging the flow of ideas and expression and the grammatical accuracy of that expression. Rigour. which must come, can come later in school life.

Good teachers recognise this and develop accuracy after expression has come to flow freely; but they fight a constant battle against sloppy presentation by popular newspapers and some television programmes and advertisements. Did the rot set in with "Drinka pinta milka day"? As at least one TV star would say "It sold a lorra milk!"

Yours faithfully, DENNIS HATFIELD. General Secretary, Society of Education Officers, 20 Bedford Way, WC1.

From DrJ. N. Fawcest Sir, Your comment that "one in four 16 to 20-year-olds have difficulty in reading" shows a singular disregard for the logic of English grammar. Yours faithfully.
J. NEVILLE FAWCETT. 5 Kingsland, Jesmond.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

April 23. argument for 296 unitary districts is that they could not be unitary, as the counties could be, but would be dependent on such services as police, fire, highways, libraries, magistrates' courts, probation and emergency planning going to a jumble of join boards: a move that had led in London to "blurred" public accountability and interminable squabbling as boroughs of different political

complexions fight for control. Joint boards, apart from being unelected and unaccountable, are more expensive. Take police as an example. When the six metropolitan counties were abolished their services were not transferred to the boroughs but to joint boards, and government has had to increase police expenditure by 14 per cent in comparison to 7 per cent for other services.

Not only would 296 unitary districts be dependent on joint boards but some further joint structure would be needed for strategic planning, education, social services, trading standards and other services.

Where would the public look to for Yours faithfully JOHN A. SPENCE (Chairman, Finance, Information

and Review Group), Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent. April 23.

This does not mean that every, or

indeed any other work of art should

be returned to its country of origin.

The Parthenon marbles are a spe-

cial, a unique case. Nevertheless, to

avoid legal difficulties and the cre-

ation of a precedent, the trustees of

the British Museum, while retaining

ownership, could place the marbles

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nently in London an object of comparable (if not equal) im-

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I have the honour to be. Sir. your

Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Euboea in 1928.

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A. R. A. HOBSON.

The Glebe House.

Whitsbury,

April 27.

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From Ms Amanda Breese

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AMANDA BREESE, Old Farmhouse.

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Sir. If any of my executive search neighbours here in St James's Square had been assigned the task of finding a new chief executive for a highly successful Chinese trading

Taking over a

going concern

From Mr William Knight

and manufacturing concern employing a talented, predominantly Chinese, workforce of six million people. they would probably not have chosen a man with no trading or business experience let alone knowledge of Chinese or China. (China will take over management control within five vears.)

Evidently the executive committee responsible for the current manage-ment believes that the main task of the new chief executive is to deal with the politics of a changing corporate culture brought about by the impending change of management.

Strangely, the very success of the concern has been a result of its lack of internal (and external) politics and its dedication to commercial success. which incidentally has been of enormous benefit over many years to its future controllers. Its future corporate objectives are likely therefore to be to continue on a path dedicated to produce even greater benefits for its future owners and its own employees and to avoid politics.

Since the new chief executive is a politician through and through, it would seem sensible if the specialists in executive search were now given the task of finding him a suitably qualified local deputy to assist him in his work.

Yours sincerely. WILLIAM KNIGHT, William Knight Associates (Development finance consultancy). 23 Si James's Square, SW I. April 25.

Hospital deaths

From the Director of the Office of Health Economics

Sir, Particularly during the general election campaign, a picture was often presented of an NHS collapsing through lack of resources. It is therefore interesting to look at some evidence from the newly published report from the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths ("Holidays and weekends are the worst time to be ill", April 22) covering 1990.

Of the 2,558 deaths investigated, 2,474 patients had been admitted without delay. It was reported that delay in admission had affected the surgical outcome in 25 cases (1 per cent). The patient had a previous admission cancelled in only 13 out of

the 2.558 cases. Thus, although any avoidable death is of course a tragedy, the overall picture from the figures does not justify all the "shroud waving" to which the government has been subjected. Extra resources are needed, but to improve the quality of care rather than to avoid collapse.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE TEELING SMITH, Director. Office of Health Economics. 12 Whitehall, SW1.

History lesson

From Mr Dillwyn Miles

Sir. Are we now so unaware of our past that the Post Office has found it necessary, on the new commemorative stamps (photographs, April 22), to inform us that the Civil War, 1642-51, was "fought between the forces of King and Parliament"? Yours faithfully.
DILLWYN MILES.

A golden standard

Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

Hendre, 9 St Anthony's Way,

From Mr R. M. Maxtone Graham Sir, Dr Terence Barnett (letter, April 22) asks what has remained at prewar cost. A short pre-war telegram cost a shilling (5p). This fax (surely the telegram of the Nineties) will add 4.95p to my telephone bill. Yours faithfully, ROBERT MAXTONE GRAHAM.

6 Moat Sole, Sandwich, Kent. April 22.

Toil and soil

Sir, Mr Kirch (letter, April 20) need

Yours faithfully

Cramond Brig. Edinburgh 4.

capital offences

From mr j k harnedy

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yours faithfully Business letters, page 19 april 23

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WINDSOR CASTLE April 27: The Duke of Edinattended a Council Meeting and Luncheon at St George's House.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 27: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended the launch of Save the Children Week 1992 at Church House Conference Centre, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SWI and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Dame Shirley Porter).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening held a reception at Buckingham Palace. Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 27: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Director of the Crofters' Union (Mr George

KENSINGTON PALACE April 27: Princess Alice. Duchess

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will inspect the Queen's Company at Windsor Carle at accompany

Castle at noon.
The Princess of Wales will open the Riddings Park Community Centre at The Park, Riddings, Derbyshire, at 11.25; will visit the Whitemoor Day Centre at John O'Gaunt Way, Belper, at 12.35: will visit the Babington Hospital Day Unit, Belper, at 2.15; and, as Patron of the British Red Cross Youth, will open the Red Cross Centre at Babington Hospital at

The Duke of York will open the new extention at Plessington High School, Bebington, at 11.20; will visit Moreton Community Centre, Moreton, at 1.20; and will attend an open day at Mariners' Park, Wallasey, at 2.00 on behalf of the National Union of Marine Association and Shipping Transport Officers. The Princess Royal, as President

of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a carers meeting at St David's Hall, Cardiff, at 10.10; will visit the Friary, Cardiff, at 11.30 to open the Principality Building Society and the County Music Department

Anniversaries

County, Virginia, 1758; Charles Sturt, explorer in Australia, Bengal. 1795: Anthony Ashley Coo-per. 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, London, 1801.

of Gloucester, Patron, the Girls' Public Day School Trust, today received Lady Johnston on relinquishing her position as Chairman of the Trust.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Kensington Society, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Convent of the Assumption Hall, Kensington Square, London W8. Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 27: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today attended a luncheon hosted by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Right Gardens, London SW1 Commander Roger Walker was

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 26: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening from Washington.

Welfare and the Variety Club of The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend a concert piven by the National Trust at the Stowe Landscape Gardens Ap-peal. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of St Peter's Research Hospital, the Specialist Centre for

The Duchess of Kent will attend a concert at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, at 7.15 in aid of the National Arts

Street, on Wednesday, May 20, at

BIRTHS: Edward IV, reigned 1461-70, 1471-83, Rouen, 1442; James Monroe, 5th president of the USA 1817-25. Westmoreland executed by partisans, Giulinodi di Mezzegra, 1945; Richard Hughes, novelist, Harlech, 1976; Fenner Brockway, Baron Brockway, politician and pacifist,

DEATHS: Gilbert à Becket: Count Johann von Struensee, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet VIII's dissolution of the physician and politician, exe-cuted. Copenhagen, 1792; Sir noon.

and unveil a commemorative plaque; will open the annual conference of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives at St David's Hall at 2.00; and, as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the new holiday accommodation at the Clwyd Special Riding Centre, Llanfynydd, Wrexham, at 3.35. Princess Margaret will attend the gala premiere of Howard's End at

the Curzon Cinema, Mayfair, at 8.15 in aid of Maternal and Child

Urology and Kidney Disease, at the Middlesex Hospital site at

Charles Bell, surgeon. North Hallow, Worcestershire, 1842: Sir Samuel Cunard, shipowner, London, 1865: Benito Mussolini,

Unity Hall



Revealing rich rewards for 'Christ's Poor Men'

AN archaeological excava-tion at Mount Grace Priory, near Northallerton, North Yorkshire, has unearthed surprising new evidence about the lifestyle of its 15th-century Carthusian occupants, hitherto known as "Christ's Poor Men".

The excavation is the final stage of a research programme begun by English Heritage in 1985 in an attempt to throw more light on the Carthusian order, whose severe medieval austerity is traditionally characterised by the wearing of hair shirts, a vegetarian diet and a solemn contempt for the excesses of rival orders.

Founded in 1398 by a nephew of Richard II at a time when the Carthusians were an especially favoured order. Mount Grace Priory is the best preserved and most accessible of the nine priories built in England by the Carthusians and the last monastery established in Yorkshire before the Reformation.

Surrounded by Cistercian monasteries at Rievaulx. Fountains and Jervaulx abbeys, it was, like its neighbours, looted and closed in 1539 during Henry own brew house and drank

vealed that the Carthusians lived a rather more comfortable lifestyle than had traditionally been thought. At the time of the dissolution there were rooms, or cells, for 27

water supply and a flush Elsewhere in the priory the monks brewed their own beer, baked their own bread and, in the priory grounds, maintained vegetable gardens and fish ponds.

residents, each with its own

Our research shows that, although the monks at Mount Grace may have been personally poor, chaste and obedient, they lived at least as well as any other monks of the time," said Glyn Coppack, English Heritage's principal inspector of ancient monuments.

"They lived as hermits. each occupying his own cell, and they were very spiritual. Their prayers were regarded as more powerful than those of other orders.

"But what we have discovered during this excavation is that they had a very good quality of accommodation and life — they even had their

Lady Helen Windsor celebrates her birthday today. Harrow School, 61: Professor knew they were proud of the Hugh Bentall, cardiologist, 72; fact that they wore hair shirts when they did not have to, and they did not eat meat. the Earl of Breadalbane and Holland, 73; Mr Mike Brearley, cricketer and psychoanalyst, 50; Baroness Carnegy of Lour, 67; Sir Ivor Cohen, chairman, Remploy, 61; Commandant Elizabeth

Birthdays

Mr Ian Beer, former head master

Craig-McFeely, former director, WRNS, 65; Mr Duane Eddy, guitarist, 54; Mr Tony Ford, director, Craft Council, 54; Mrs

Odette Hallowes, GC, warrime agent, 80; Mr Kenneth Kaunda,

former president, Zambia, 68; Miss Nicola LeFanu, composer,

45: Mr Justice Leonard, 66: Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, 68: Dr M.D. Longfield, director, Tees-side Polytechnic, 64: Mr William

Moodie, chief constable, Fife, 61;
Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 49;
Mr J.L. Thorn, former headmaster, Winchester College, 67;
Mr Garry Weston, chairman,
Associated British Foods, 65; Mrs

Helen Williams, high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 54; the Ven

Sam Woodhouse, former Arch-deacon of London, 80.

Churcher's College

Summer Term commences on

Tuesday, April 28, and ends on Friday, July 10. The Old Churcherians Club London Din-ner will be held at the East India

Club on Friday, May 1, and the Club will play the 1st XI in the annual Cricket Match on Sat-

urday, June 27, starting at 11.00am. Open Day will be held

today

"But we have learned that there was clearly a difference between monks being poor and monasteries being rich. Our findings show that Mount Grace was quite a wealthy monastery."

Mount Grace is owned by the National Trust, but managed by English Heritage. It is still used by several denominations for open-air services.

The final phase of English Heritage's research programme, an archeological ex-cavation of the kitchens, is nearing completion. Among the cockroaches in the "black sticky gunge" under the last kitchen floor, the archaeologists have found the remains of a wide selection of vegetables, cereals and a 500-yearold skeleton of a chub.

"The chub and thousands of sea-fish bones we found have surprised us more than anything," said Mr Coppack.
"We did not realise until now that fish made up such a great part of their diet. And they obviously had the money VIII's dissolution of the up to eight pints of beer a day to pay for cod to be delivered monasteries.

— which goes against what from the coast 30 miles English Heritage's re- we had always thought about away."

marriages and Miss J.S. Gardiner

Me N.I. Church

TED DITCHBUR

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mrs Victoria Church and the late Dr Christopher Gareth Church, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, and Joanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Gardiner, of Bearsden, Glasgow.

Mr I. Cowdroy and Miss C.M. English

The engagement is announced between lan, only son of the late Mr George Cowdroy and of Mrs Joyce Cowdroy, of Hilden-borough, Kent, and Catherine, daughter of the late Mr F.W. English and of Mrs M. English, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Mr R.M. Durkin

and Dr A.C. Humphreys

The engagement is announced between Robert Myles, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. Durkin, of Eccleshall, Sheffield, and Alison Claire, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs K.W. Humphreys, of Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M.A. Edwards and Miss J.A. Duncombe The engagement is announced between Mark Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Edwards, of Malvern. Worcestershire, and Juliet Ann, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Norman Duncombe, of Studham, Bedfordshire. Dr C.D.J. Evans and Miss A.I. Buchrien The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Colin Evans, of 1 Mr and Mrs Colin Evans, of Mr Aveline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Buehrlen, of West Malling, Kent.

Mr M.C. Headlam-Morley and Miss N.M. Davies

The engagement is announced between Crispin (Chris), youngest son of the late Kenneth Headlam-Morley, OBE, and of Lorna Headlam-Morley, of Field House, Whorlton, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, and Nicola (Niki Lawrence), younger daughter of Peter and Jean Davies, of Wychwell, Lymbridge Green, Stowting, Kent. Lieutenant J.E.H. Lambert, RN and Lieutenant M.J. Pearson.

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr D.H. Lambert and of Mrs H. Lambert, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Mary June, elder daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel B.R. Pearson and of Mrs L.R. Pearson. of Grouville, Jersey.

Captain A.C.J. McCord

and Miss C.A. Airey The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew McCord. The Royal Insh McCord, the Royal insh Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) \$3rd and \$7th), youngest sun of Brigadier and Mrs Mervyn McCord, and Caroline Ann. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Airey.

Mr P.J.F. Ravery and Miss M.B. Klippstein

The engagement is announced between Pascal, son of Mr and Mrs Pierre Ravery. of Senlis. France and Michele, daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl-Heinz Klippstein. of Pittsburgh. ınsylvania

Mr N.R.D. Wallace and Miss A.M.G. Izat The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of the late Mr Graeme Wallace and of Mrs Graeme Wallace of Launceston, Cornwall, and Anya. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Scott Izat, of Fornert St Peter.

Marriage

Mr G.H. Morlock

and Miss K.R. Reeves and Miss K.R. Reeves
The marriage took place on
Saturday at St John the Baptist's
Church, Whittington, Shropshire, between Mr Guy Morlock,
son of Mr and Mrs Philip
Morlock, and Miss Katle Reeves,
And Miss Katle Reeves daughter of Mr Jonathan Reeves and Mrs Jeremy Case. The Rev David North officiated. The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by Rebecca and Gemma Torrance and Daisy Dugmore Mr Justin Goad was best man.

A reception was held at Halston and the honeymoon wil be spent on the Continent.

Expensive move

By John Shaw

A CHESS set made in Augsburg in the 1720s, could become the most expensive in the world when it is sold at Sotheby's in London on December 12.

The wooden board is veneered with tortoiseshell and boulle marquetry of chinoiseries and exotic animals. The

pieces are equally unusual with the kings and queens made of Meysen porcelain. Sotheby's has estimated its... value at between £250,000 and £350,000. The auction

on Saturday, July 4 from 9.30am games board is £300.000, set until 1.00pm and Sports Day is July 7.

an amber board and pieces by Georges Schreiber, signed and dated Konigsberg, 1616. The present object, intend-

ed to be more a work of art than something actually used as a game, was believed to have been given by Frederick Augustus III (1750-1827) to Comte Louis-Gabriel Duke Buat-Nancay (1723-1787) .. a French diplomat who was appointed to Frederick's court

in 1772. year, according to tradition,

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Come let us return to the Lord...after two days he will revive us, on the third day he will raise us to live in his

BEBBINGTON - On March 25th. to Margaret Inée Wasliewskii and Patrick. a son. Alexander Paul BRENTMALL - On April 23rd in S) drey, to Melinda Inee Lindy; and Stewart, a son. Samuel Creswell. samuel Creswell.

DENNIS - On April 25th, at
Portland Hospital, to Sandra
inée Chani and Jono, a son,
Alexander James Richard, a
fine handsome brother for
Rachel and Sophie

Plachel and Sophie DILKS - On Friday April 17th, ai the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Lucy O'Driscoli and Graham Dilks, a son. Benjamin James. Deo Gratias

Gratias
FIELD - On April 13th, to
Rory and Sarah, a son,
Charles Henry Joseph.
FINLAYSON - On April 20th,
in Glasgow, to Elizabeth inée
Scanlant and lan, a son, Guy
Frederick, a dear brother for
Hugh and Mungo
FORSYTHE - On April 25th in
Singapore, to Nicky tnee
Judge) and Patrick, a
daughter, Hannah Elizabeth,
a sister to Thomas and
Christopher.
GARCIA - On Easter Sunday.

a sister to Tribinas and Caristopher.

GARCIA - On Easter Sunday.
April 19th 1992 in Boston.
U.S.A.. to Belinda inee wilkest and Michael. a daughter. Charlotte Mary.
GREENBURY - On April 23rd, to Jonathan and Julia inée Walters-Reest, a son. Henry Cadwan Thomas. a brother for George.

HEYBURN - On April 24th, to Tracy Sims and Joseph. a daughter. Elizabeth Anne.
LYTTON COBBOLD - On April 23rd in Santa Monica.
California. Io Martha inée Booner and Henry. a son.
Edward, brother to Morveena.

Edward, brother to Morwenna.

MARIANI - On April 16th, in Rome, to Nicki (mee kingscole) and Nunzio. A daughter. Jessica Kathryn.

McDONNELL - On April 21st, to kim (nee McGraih) and Henry, a daughter. Amy Louise, their first child. Her Daddy's Girl

PARHAM - On April 16th, in Tokyo, io Kasia and Phillp. 4

Tokyo, to Kasta and Philip. 8 sen. Charles Benedict Henry. sen. Charles Benedict Henry.
SATTIN - On April 22nd. to
Silvie nee Franquett and
Anthony. a son. Johnny
Paris
SCHNEIDER - On April 24th.
In London. to Emma and
Robert. a son. Kester.
SELBY - On April 24th 1992.
al the Rosie in Cambridge, to
Nextile and Mary. a
daughter. Leonora Cabriella
Grace. a styler for Caroline
and Fineas.
STEWART-BROWN - On
April 22nd. to Juliel and
Ronald. a daughter.
SWEET-ESCOTT - On April
22nd. in Madrid. to

22nd in Madrid, le Rosamond and Tom, a daughter Eleanor Rosamond THOMPSON - On April 20th, to Jackte inee Reynolds) and Anthony a daughter, Johnna Rosemarie. WALLIS - On April 17th, to Pippa (new Harris) and Jonalhan, a son, Hugo Peter, a hrother for George and

at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Talsuro and Yuko, a son, Alsushi.

MARRIAGES

The marriage took place in East Sussex on April 25th between Hugh Edwards of Newton Mearns. Glasgow and Clare Lucy Connacher of Ringmer, East Sussex.

DEATHS ABELSON - On Thursday
April 23rd, peacefully, Dr.
Moyra bobel (nee
Machaughton-Jones), aged
87 years, She will be greatly
missed by her children Peter.
Lucy and Andrew and by her
grandchildren Zoe, Tamsle,
Poppy, David, Julian and
Antonia She will also be
remembered with affection
by numerous friends and the
patients whom she faithfully
served for 45 years, Private
cremation on Tuesday May
Sih followed by a
Thanksgiving Service in St
Mary's Church, Kippingtot,
Oakhill Road, Sevenoaks at
11 am. For further details
Contact W. Hodges, let:
(0732) 454457

AMYES - On April 26th, peacefully at home, Julian, much loved husband of Anne, father of Sebastian and Isabelle, grandfather of Rupert and Alexandra. Funeral private at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday May 15th Memorial Service in London to be announced later

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AMDERSON - On April 26th.
Frank. late of Bools the
Chemist. peacefully al
Landmere Nursing Home.
Ruddington Lane, Wilford.
Nottingham. aged 90.
Betoved husband of Winifred
and loving father and
grandfather Funeral Service
and cremation to be held at
Wilford Hill on May 6th at
11.45 am Donations by
request, if desired, may be
sent to The Landmere
Comfort Fund.
Westbridgford Funeral
Service. Tudor Square.
Westbridgford, Notlingham.
let: (0602) 817444.

ARTHUR - On Friday April
24th 1992, suddenly but
peacefully, Lucius Charles
Dearly loyed by all his family
and friends, his like remains
our inspiration. Funeral
private No flowers blease,
but donations if desired to
Cheshire Homes or Red
Cross c/o Peter Taylor
Funeral Services, 85
Unithank Road, Norwich.

SAISH - On April 24th 1992, peacefully in Bristol, Leslic Charles William, much loved by all his family. Funeral Service at Mangotsfield Cemetery Chapel on Thursday April 30th at 2 pm Flowers to E.C. Alderwick and Son Limited, 11 Regeni Street, Kingswood, Bristol.

BARCLAY - On April 24th 1992 at The Royal Marsden Hospital. Sutton. Thomas 170m) aged 18, very much loved youngest son of lan Barclay. Ascol. Berks and Carolyn Motilo. Rowledge, Surroy. He will be very sadly missed by James, Alexander. Robin. Lucy, Eugenle Motio and all his step-family. Funeral Service at St. Mary the Virgin Church. Frensham. Surrey. 2 pm on Friday May 1st. Donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital Leukaemia Appeal. or flowers c/o H.C. Patrick & Co. 86 East Street. Farnham. Surrey. 1et: 10252/ 714884

BOCKETT - On April 23rd
1992. peacefully in hospital
after a short illness. Ellen
Florence 18usan) une
Kelleher of Farmborough.
Hampshire Beloved wife of
the late Dr. E.J.C. Bockett.
dear mother of Mary Blumer
and Joan McKechnie, greatly
loved and loving
grandmother. and greatgrandmother. Requiem Mass
at St Michael's Abbey.
Farmborough. Hampshire, on

BRAGIEL - On April 21st 1992. Henryka Waleria, wife of the late Col B. Bragiel. Peacefully aged 77 years. Mothor of Edward and Kryslyna, much loved sisler and grandmother. Requiem Mass at Ealing Abbey on Thursday April 30th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be sent to National Kidney Research Fund. 42 Lower Marsh. London SE1 7RG.

WEDMORE - On April 24th 1992. 10 Elizabeth unée O'Brien) and Phillip. a daughter, a sister to Sarah and Caroline.

WHITTAL-WILLIAMS - On April 23rd, io Helen unée Precer and Nicholas, a son, Toby Charles, a brother for Henrielia

WOOD - On April 12th, to Kristina mée Whitel and Al. a son. Alexander George, a brother for Freddle and Charles.

YAMAKAWA - On April 23rd at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Taisuro and Vulca and April 23rd at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Taisuro and Vulca and April 23rd at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Taisuro and Vulca and April 25rd at Mangotafield

ATTWOOD - On April 24th 1992. BRAND W.S., T.D., beloved husband of Esme, loving lather of David. Michael and Rachet, Papa to Sarah, Lewis and Emma, son of the late Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand. Requiem Spring Jones On April 25th 10 am in the Sacred Heart Church. Lauriston Street, Edinburgh and Inneral thereafter to Mount Vernor Cemetery artiving there at 11 am. Remains to be received to Church on Wednesday evening at 5 pm. Randy Cantra Church and The Sacred Lauriston Street Scribe at Mangotafield

GANTACUZINO - On April 24th 1992. BRAND - On April 24th 1992. BRAND - On April 24th 1992. Brand W.S., T.D., beloved husband of Esme, loving lather of David. Michael and Rachet, Papa to Sarah, Lewis Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand. Requiem Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand Requiem Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand Rechet, Papa to Sarah, Lewis Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand Rechet, Papa to Sarah, Lewis Shreif James Gordon Brand of Dumiries and the late Mirs France Brand Rechet, Papa to Sarah, Lewis Brand W.S., T.D., beloved husband of Esme, Jovica and Wiscon Thursday April Sarah Thursday May

CANTACUZINO - On April CANTACUZINO - On April
25th 1992, peacefully in
London, Sanda, in her 84th
year, beloved wife of the late
Prince Georges M
Cantacuzino and much to comother of Sherban and
Marie-Lyse, grandmother
and great-grandmother
Funeral private in Keni. A
Memorial Service will be
held later in London, date to
be announced.

BELL - On April 27th 1992; suddenly at home, Stewart Edward, formerly Sheriff Principal of Grampian Highlands and Islands, beloved husband of Maris and of the late kia, dearty loved father of Adelin, Flone and Linda and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday April 30th al 12 noon No flowers please

at St Michael's Abbey. Farmborough Hampshire, on Thursday Abril 30th 1992 at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the League of Friends of Frimley Park Hospital. c/o E Finch & Sons. 123 High Street, Aldershol. Hampshire GU11 1TT.

be announced.

DOWMAN - On April 25th
1992 peacefully after a long
illness, Olive Heather inée
Collingwood). beloved wife
of Coltn. mother of Niobe.
Emma and Catharine
Funeral Service
Bournemouth Crematorium
Thursday April 30th at
3.30pm. Family flowers only
please but If wished
donations for the People's
Dispensary for Sck Animais
may be sent c/o Diamond &
Son Funeral Directors. 9-11
Lower Buckland Road.
Lymington, SO41 9DN

DUNHILL - On April 27th, at home in King's Cuife, Betty, aged 70 years, wife of Reverend R.A. Dunhill and mother of Jeremy, Stephen and Ruth, Funeral Service at King's Cliffe Parish Church on Friday May 1st al 2.30 pm, followed by cremation al Peterborough Crematorium Family flowers only.

EARDLEY-WILMOT - On EARDLEY-WILMOT - On April 23rd. Monica. dear sister of Hazel and Paul. peacefully after a long-tilness Funeral Service at St. Botolph's Church. Hadstock. at 11.30 am Friday May 8th 1992. followed by private cremation at Cambridge. Flowers or donations for St. Botolph's Parish Church. Hadstock, may be sent to H.J. Paintin Ltd. Funeral Directors. 43 High Street. Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

ENNIS - On April 25th. suddenly in London, Edward Ennis. of the Society of Jesus, aged 72, brother of Helen and Leonard Affectionalely and gratefully remembered by his family and friends at home and in Australia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, Requiern Mass at Farm Street Church. 11 am Wednesday May 6th. FRASER - On April 27th.
Cynthia Fraser OBE, wife of
the late W. Lionel Fraser
CMG, mother of Nicholas
and the late Robert Fraser
Funeral Service at Putney
Vale Crematorium on Friday
May 1st at 3.30 pm. No
flowers but donations. If
desired to The Friends of the
Tate Gallery. c/o The
Director. Tate Gallery.
Millbank. SW1P 4RG.

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GIEVE - On April 25th, at Chipping Norton Hospital, Nancy unée Norton), wife ot John Gieve.

GORMAN - On April 25th 1992, Eileen Mary, peacefully at Randell House, Hawley, nr. Camberley, well cared for by R.U.K.B.A. and it's staff. Formerly Danne at Bon (T.A.B. and the Hon O St A) and Mairon at Harrow (Eirnfield). Funeral to take place at the Park Crematorium. Aldershot. on Thursday May 7th 1992 at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations if desired to R.U.K.B.A. c/o Ford Mears & Partners. 26 Frimley High Streel. Frimley, Surrey.

GRAHAM - On April 25th 1992, suddenly at home, Jeremy Frank, aged 65 years, husband of Susan, lather of Jacoba, Robin and Nigel, Funeral Service at St Mary's, Wath, on Friday May 1st at 11 am. Family flowers only.

HUGHES - On April 25th. In HUGHES - On April 25th. In peace, after a long brave battle against cancer. Susan Margaret Hughes, aged 44 years, much loved wife of Christopher, dearly loved mother of Jonathan and Debby, devoted daughter of Winifred and the late Sidney Anstey, loving sister to Martyn. Richard and Michael, and much loved daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and coustn. Funeral Service at Epsom Cemetery Chapel, Ashley Road, Epsom, on April 29th at 3.30 on. Family flowers onty. Donations, if wished, to Royal Marsden Hospital. Sutton. Surrey

HUNT - On April 26th 1992. peacefully at Crowborough. Cyril. aged 81. befored father of Malcolm and daughter-in-law Anka. grandchildren Andrea. Bradley and Julia Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Crowborough. 1et-

HYDE - On Sunday April 26th
1992. peacefully at White
House Nursing Home.
Steeple Morden. John
Marlin Dearly befoxed
failher of Robert. Andrew
and Alexander. Funeral
Service at St Mary's Church.
Creat Shebford. on Friday
May 1st at 3 30 pm No
flowers by request. donations
if desired to Imperial Cancer
Research. c/o Townsend
Funeral Service. 18 High
Streel. Great Shelford

IMPEY - On April 23rd 1992, suddenly. Charles Austen, much loved brother of Hugh. Tricla and the late Dinah. A loved and respected member of the leaching staff of Eaton College for 36 years. Local cremation at Poole Crematorium on Friday. May 1st at 12 noon The date of a memorial service at Eaton will be announced later. No flowers by request but donations if wished for the Coronary Care Unit. Bournemouth College Funeral Service. 18 Salisbury Street. Blandford. Dorsel. let 102581 453133.

KINSEY - On April 25th. peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Dr. Edward Walkin of Llanishen. dearly beloved husband of Ada and slepfather to Reginald and Derek and a dear uncle to all his nephews and nieces Restling at D.J. Evans Forse & Co.. Whitchurch Funeral Home. Cardiff. until the service. at St Isan's Church. Llanishen on Tuesday Mas 5th at 11.45 am. Afterwards to Thornhill Crematorium at 12.30 pm. No Gowers to request please, but donations may be sent to Alzhemers Disease Society c/o D.J. Evans Forse & Co.. Whitchurch Funeral Home.

LAMONT - On April 26th 1992, peacefully at home effer a short litness. Charles Porter Lamont, beloved and caring husband of Nora, loxing father of Alastair and

LEWIS - On April 15th. al home in Riseley. John. dearly beloved husband and father Donations If desired to Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Research. C/o Administration. Downs Road. Sutton. Sy. SM2 5PT

loving father of Alastair and Angus and proud grandfather. Much loved and repected by his family. Items and former colleagues. Funeral Service at Woking Crematorium. Hermitage Road. St Johns. Woking. Surrey. on Friday May 1st at 11 am. No flowers please but donations. If desired. In Marie Curie Nursing Setvices. c/o Harrisons. 40 Harvest Road. Englefield Green, Surrey

MORETON - On April 27th. peacefully in hospital. Marrun Jers Is, aged 70, des oled and loving husband of Kathleen, befored father and friend of Gregory and Jame and father-in-law of Lucy. Funeral Service at Christ Church. Esher, at 3 pm Tuesdas May 5th. Family flowers only.

PARICER - On April 24th, pearcfully in an Eastbourne Hospital. Sarah Jane. of Friston. Sussex. Very dear wife of Christopher and mother of Christopher and mother of Christopher. Yanessa and Jonathan Funeral Service al Friston Church. Sussex. on Thursday April 30th at 11 am. followed by cremation: Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Willinds Hospice. 2 Mill Gap Road. Eastbourne. Sussex

PARTRIDGE - On April 26th PARTRIDGE - On April 26th 1992, peacefully in Bacton, near Bury St Edmunds. Professor Miles Partridge PhD, D&C, FRS. Dearly loved father of Susan, Jill. Frances and Hilary. Also a sadly missed grandiather Funeral Service takes Diace at the west Suffolk Crematorium on Thursday April 30th at 11 15 am. Family flowers only Donations if desired for The British Diabetic Association may be sent c/o L Fulcher, 80 Whitling Street, Bury St Edmunds. RICHARDS - On April 27th 1992, in London, aged 84. Sir James, CBE, FSA and RIBA, beloved husband of Kill, Funeral privale.

STAUNTON - On April 25th.
peacefully in her 90th year.
Rose Alexandra, widow of
Harvey. Will be sadily missed
by her niece Margaret and all
the kind staff at Fremington
Manor who looked after her
so well, especialty Minnie,
Fumeral Service at 2.30 pm
on Tuesday May 5th at
Putney Crematorium. Donations if desired for
Fremington Manor Comfort
Fund C/o W.S. Cayton and
Son. Lauderdale. Bickington.
Barnstaple. For further
information please phone
(0271) 42196

STRANGE - On Friday April 24th. peacefully at the Churchill Hospital. Oxford. Margaret Helen (Peggy). dearly loved wife of Raymond, mother of Sally and granny of Jamie. Fimeral Service at St. James Church. Chipping Campden. Glos., on Wednesday May 6th at 2 pm. No flowers but donations if desired for Campden Home Nursing. to Sellm Smith & Co. Southwood Lodge Funeral Home, 74 Presibury Road. Chellenham. Glos.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOBBS - Harold Charles. A memorial service will be held on Thursday April 30th at 6 pm at 5t Margaret's Church, Lothbury, London and afterwards for light refreshments at St Olave's Church Hall. Hari Street, London. NEWSOM - A Memorial Service for George Harold Nowson, QC. will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Thursday May 14th 1992 at 5 pm.

IN MEMORIAM -

BMITH - On April 19th 1992.
Eva Neille, widow of the late Sidney George Smith of Reckitt and Colman. Funeral Service at Randalis Park Crematorium. Leatherhead. at 3 pm on Thursday April 30th. All enquiries to Sherlock and Sons Funeral Directors. Trelits House, 190 South Street. Dorking. Surrey.

STAUNTON - On April 25th. peacefully in her 90th year, Rose Alexandra, widow of Harvey. Will be saddy missed by her niece Margaret and all the kind staff at Frendington Manor who looked after her so well, especially Minnie. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Tuesday May 5th at Putney Crematorium. Donations if desired for the side of the street of the staff at Frendington Manor who looked after her so well, especially Minnie. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Tuesday May 5th at Putney Crematorium. Donations if desired for the side of the street of the side of the s Heart Foundation if desired.

WOOD - On April 25th, 1992.

suddenly at Painshawfield
House, Stocksleid.

Alexander Blyth Wood (Eb),
beloved husband of Cyribla
and father of Andrew, James
and Mailland. Funeral
strictly privale at his request.

TOPPIN - On Sunday April 26th 1992, peacefully after a brief fliness at the Victoria infirmary, Glasgow, Patricia mée Forbesi, beloved wife of Archie Toppin and much loved mother of Archie. Raymond, Denis, Shetia and Patricia and nana of Raymond, David, Nicole and Paul Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church, R.I.P. Reception and vigil at St. Vincent de Paul's R.C. Church. Thornitebank, Glasgow, at 6.30 pm on Wednesday April 29th, Funeral mass at 9.30 am on April 30th and funoral thoreafter to Linn Crematorium. Lainshaw Drive. Glasgow, arriving at 11 am. All friends respectfully invited.

TURNBULL - On Friday April 24th, peacefully in Salisbury Infurmary. Hillyd Francis Michael, aged 71, beloved husband of Shella and deerly ion ed father of Jane. Adrian and Michael Funeral at the Church of Christ the King. Amesbury. on Friday May 1st all 11.30 am Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Chett. Heart & Stroke Association may be sent c/o G.W. Burden. Church Street. Amesbury. Wilts., iel: 109801 623262.

WARDLE - On April 22nd
1992. In Canberra.
Australia. Patience Pai' inée
Tillyard. eldes deughter of
Dr. Robin and Mrs Patricla
Tillyard. Wife of the late
Robert Wardle. Elder sister
of Faith iMrs J Evans, Hope
Lady Hewitt and Honor
Mrs B Josephi. Funeral
Wednesday April 29th. St
John the Baptist's Church.
Canberra for the above-named Company

Notice of meeting of creditors Pursuant to Section 98 Insolvency Act 1986 Company Number: 1088737 Name of Company: WARWICK HOMES LIMITED

Dated this 15th day of April 1992 By Order of the Sourd of Directors, 8 L Milchell, Director/Secretary.

GLOVER - Lancelet Linwood
(Lance) a beloved husband
and loving father.
Remembered with love on
April: 28th, your birthday,
and every day. Happiness
and togetherness always.
Rita and Lynne. Autwers from page 14 LEGAL NOTICES

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PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES

(a) An alloy of about five parts of copper with one of zinc, resembling gold, used for cheap jewellery, an epodym named after its inventor and nomenciator, Charles Pinchbeck, a watchmaker and toymaker in Fleet Street, who died in 1732.

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FACINOROUS (a) Grossly criminal, extremely wicked, from the Latin facinus a deed, facere to do, but especially a wicked deed, an enormity or crime: "Others they have cast into Newgate, among the most facinorous

(b) A tenderfoot, a newly arrived immigrant in the mining districts of north-western America, from the Chinook word for a newcomer: "Many a cheechake on his way to the mines has thrown down his pack

(b) Picated like a fan, from the past participle stem of the Latin plicare to fold, usually in bottanical and biological writing: "The belly plicated as other beetles, its lining membrane is loose and much plicated."

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to be professor of transport Dr Norman Madean to be **OBITUARIES**

Sir James Richards, CBE.

architectural historian and critic.

who died in Loudon yesterday

aged 84, was editor of the

71; architectural correspondent

of The Times, 1947-71; and

Hoffman Wood Professor of

Architecture at Leeds University,

1957-59. He was born on August

13, 1907.

JAMES Richards was a critic whose

work will be remembered chiefly in

connection with the development of

the modern movement in architec-

ture in this country. In the 1930s he

was associated with Wells Coates,

Maxwell Fry, P. Morton Shand and

others in the formation of the MARS (Modern Architectural Re-

search) Group. Much of his best writing was devoted to the explana-

tion and propagation of the princi-

ples of the group which were

precisely those upheld in the teaching of Gropius and in the more epigrammatic manifestos of Le Cor-

In his various editorial capacities

at the Architectural Press (publishers of the Architectural Review and

its weekly counterpart, the Archi-

tects' Journal) he exerted, from 1937 to 1971, considerable influ-

ence on current architectural fash-

ions. As architectural correspondent

of The Times from 1947 to 1971, his

loyalty to "modern" principle was equally apparent, as it was in the

councils of the Royal Fine Art Com-

mission of which he was a member

In addition, he was an effective broadcaster, chiefly on the old BBC

Third Programme and in The Critics on the Home Service. In all these

roles Richards upheld the values of

the "modern" against the reaction-

ary and compromising approaches

of an older generation and the less

dedicated sections of his own. By the

same token he did not hesitate to

expose the shortcomings of the more

progressive circles in the profession,

as he did, in 1953, in a memorable

article analysing the "failure", from

the architectural point of view, of the

feeling for the past and for those aspects of despised and forgotten

architecture which are often reflect-

ed in the poems of John Betjeman and in the paintings of John Piper. He was ahead of many of his con-

temporaries in perceiving that even

the most commonplace Victorian

suburb contained something to be

loved and cherished. His book The

Castles on the Ground, first pub-

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reports for quick reference. He went on to be corres-

pondent in Washington and

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the scepticism possessed by

all good correspondents of

official public relations, espe-

cially in time of war. He was

with the French forces at the

beginning of the war and

complained much about the

military censors who prevent-

ed him revealing the truth

about the weaknesses he saw.

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special article saying what previously he could not.

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University College

Dr Michael McDonald, lecturer, engineering.

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Prescott (statistics).

Dr Christine Chinkin, Sydney University, to be professor of law from next January. Dr Mick Arthur, senior lecturer in the school of medicine, to be professor of medicine from October. nication electronics, from April 1

Dr Grant Hillier, Monash University, Australia, to be professor of econometrics, from September.

Dr John Driffill, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, to be professor of economics, from October.

Readers: Dr Peter Gregson (serospace materials); Dr David Coggon (epidemiology); Dr Philip

Appointments and promotions Dr. Peter Cochrane, of British Telecom, has been appointed honorary professor of commu-

for five years. READER (from April 1): Dr David Ashworth (solid state electronics). READER (nem Apin 4): De Contagnica Approprin (solid state electronics).

SENIOR LECTURER (from October): Mr John Baidock (social policy and administration): Mr Carls Brown (politics and government): Dr Reith Carabine (English and American literature): Ms Elizabeth Cowie (film stadies): Dr Simon Javris (biochemistry): Mr Adam Jastraebstic (electronics): Dr Arthur Kervency (elassical studies) Dr Robert Neupont (condensed matter physics): Dr Martin Stanton (psychoanalytic studies) in the humanities): Dr David Turicy (history): Dr Lesile Walczowski (electronics): Dr John Zarnecki (physics).

Douai School The Summer Term at Douai

School, Reading, began on Mon-day, April 27. The Jericho Con-cert will take place on May 3, before work commences on the Abbey Church completion. A seminar for Preparatory and Primary School Headteachers "Edu-cation in Europe 1992" will take place on May 7 and a Conference Education in Europe 1992" will take place on September 29, chaired by Mr Roy Wake, MA, KSG. Speakers will include Dr Peter Dixon, Head of EC Secretariat Commission, Sir Michael McNair Wilson and representatives of the British Atlantic Committee. Further de-

tails are obtainable from the Headmaster.

Glaziers' Company Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor locum

tenens. and Lady Gillett, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs John Perring, attended the annual livery dinner of the Glaziers' Company held last night at Guildhall. Mr A.R. Fisher, Master, presided, assisted by Mr S.M. Lever, Upper Warden, and Mr N. Burston, Renter Warden. Sir Robin, the Upper Warden and the Rev Roger Royle also spoke. Among those present were:

The Duke of Grafton, KG, and the Duchess of Grafton, Sir Douglas and Lady Morpeth, Judge Machin, QC, Mr. S Brodle, QC, Mass Elizabeth Glonter, MP, and the Massers of the Painter-Stationer, Glass Seilent, Tobacco Pipe Malers and Tobacco.

Chatham Dining Chah Sir Gilbert Longden presided at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Chib held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. The Hon William

Union, was the principal guest.

MARIAN MIESOWICZ

Marian Miesowicz, Polish scientist of of international stature, died in Cracow on April 5 aged 84. He was born in Lwow on November 21, 1907.

1966 and in 1971 received the

Bicentenary Medal, of the Royal

Society of Arts. Created CBE in

1959, he was knighted in 1972. In

1985 he was made an honorary

Of Richards's many books, Cas-

tles on the Ground, already men-

tioned is the most personal and the

least likely to be forgotten or superseded. Of his other published works

many are in the nature of carefully

edited picture books with introduc-

tory essays. His Penguin Introduc-tion to Modern Architecture of

1940, published at a time when a

new reading public was in process of

formation in the dark evenings of

the Blitz, must have carried the

chitecture as being "scientific with-

out being inhuman". In connection

with Architectural Heritage Year

rial direction of the periodical Euro-

wry awareness of the impact his

personality sometimes made on oth-

ers in its title, Memoirs of an Unjust

Felia. He was a ceaseless campaign-

er for greater coverage of architec-

ture by serious newspapers.

frequently appearing in successive

editors' offices in this cause. That

The Times today gives so much more

space to his subject was, in part, a

tribute to his lobbying, and a source

of great pleasure to him in his last

year. Richards never lost his judi-cious even-handedness; when, for

example, he gave evidence against a

proposed Mansion House Square

development which would have en-

tailed a 21-storey 290ft glass and steel tower he was careful to make

his remarks in context, pointing out that nothing could be argued

against the design itself, merely that

it was inappropriate for such a sire.

first wife was Margaret Angus, by

whom he had a son (who died) and a

solved in 1948: He married second-

ly Kathleen Margaret (Kit), widow

of Morland Lewis. They had one

son who died tragically in a street

daughter. The marriage was dis

Richards was twice married. His

fellow of the American Institute of

Architects.

POLAND'S considerable reputation in elementary particle and cosmic ray physics owed much to the pioneering work and continuing guidance of Marian Miesowicz. A man of commanding presence, but of considerable friendliness and courtesy, Miesowicz was active in science at every level until very recently.

Much of his life was spent

"modern" message far beyond the range of the Architectural Review. The Bombed Buildings of Britain in Cracow, a glorious city, of which he was justly proud. He graduated at the Jagiellonian University there in 1930 and (1942) and 1947) was a pictorial people of blitzed architecture. The Functional Tradition in Early Industrial Buildings (1958) adumbrated the gresent interest in industrial surbacology. Books on architecture in the Commonwealth, in Japan and Finland followed in the 1960s, the last being a survey of 800 years of architectural practice within home seen the profession of his early work was at the Cracow Academy of Mining. Miescowicz's PhD thesis was on the refraction of microwaves and in the early 1930s this led to a study of liquid crystals, where his research predated many more recent developments in this field, a which have seen the profession of architect in Finland raised to to the field that is the basis of many status of an art. Richards summed contemporary display sysup the Finnish achievement in artems. His name is rightly honoured by the so-called "Miescowicz viscosity coefficient", a term that is now 1975, Richards undertook the editowidely used in the literature.

Interest in cosmic rays pean Heritage.

His autobiography, which appeared in 1980, showed perhaps a that rain of nuclear particles from space which are still the subject of much excitement (since their origin is unclear) - stemmed from a sabbatical leave spent in Utrecht from 1936 to 1937. There he app-lied his considerable experimental skills to the construction of particle counters and their use in both cosmic ray and nuclear physics.

Fortunately for science Miesowicz escaped the fate of many of Cracow's intellectuals despite contributing to the teaching courses organised by the underground. After the war, promotion followed to a chair at the Academy of Mining and his research flourished. He founded the Cracow high energy physics community of experimentalists and theorists which had workers in the Mining Academy, the Institute of Nuclear

Physics and the Jagiellonian

University; the Cracow work in this field is still very highly regarded.

Some of his early work was in the famous Wieliczka salt mine where many early experiments were performed on the cosmic ray muon component, the other varieties of cosmic rays having been absorbed out by the overlying rock. The importance of radioactive deposits on the rock was soon realised (local radio-activity is still a nuisance for experimenters working underground - paradoxically --in searches for various rare cosmic phenomena) and this led to the foundation of a group applying nuclear physical techniques in geology and chemistry and to their exploitation by industry. The Faculty of Physics and Nuclear Techniques in Cracow grew out of this early

In his long life, Miesowicz contributed considerably to our knowledge of the character of the interactions of the so-called elementary particles. He discovered anomalous electromagnetic effects in cascade showers and developed a model - the "fire-ball" model - which again, was ahead of the field.

Understandably, he played a big part in the scientific life of Poland: he was president of the Polish Academy of Science and served the government in many capacities. Of particular note was his successful efforts to help the foundation of research groups in modern physics throughout Poland. The important Cosmic Ray Group in Lodz, started after the war by Alexander Zawadzki and continued to the present by Jerzy Wdowczyk, is a good example.

Marian Miesowicz was a devoted family man whose wife predeceased him; he lived in Old Cracow next to his daughter and her husband, his son-in-law himself being a distinguished physicist. To visit his home and reminisce about international cosmic ray conferences gone by was a special pleasure and will be an enduring memory of a distinguished scientist and a great patriot.

AND COMPLETE SPECIES. Tanka Prasad Acharya

TANKA Prasad Acharya, former prime minister and founder of Nepal's first political party in the 1930s, has died aged 78. Acharya, who was sentenced to death in 1940 for opposing the autocratic rule of the Rana family, Nepal's hereditary rulers, escaped the gallows because he was a high caste Brahmin. The Hindu religion forbids the killing of Brahmins, who are traditionally Hindu priests.

Acharya's death sentence was commuted to life impris-onment. He was released from prison in 1951 when the Rana regime ended.

Acharya served as the Himalayan kingdom's prime minister for 18 months in 1955-56. He was the founder of the Nepal Praja Parishad, the country's first political party, which spearheaded the movement to overthrow the Rana oligarchy. As prime minister, Acharya established diplomatic relations with neighbouring China.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

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BOB COOPER

from where he graduated in 1930.

From 1930 to 1933, when he joined

the Architects' Journal as assistant

editor, he worked in the United

States, Canada, Dublin and

London. He became in addition

assistant editor of the Architectural

Review, under H. de C. Hastings, in

1935, and there is no doubt that the

growth of that world famous journal

to the pre-eminent stature it enjoyed

under his editorship owed much to

his skill as a journalist and his

intimate knowledge of contempo-

was for a time editor and later director of Publications Middle

East, Cairo. He served with the Ministry of Information from 1943

to 1946. During this time he was largely responsible for the excellent

series of illustrated booklets pub-

lished by that ministry on the

progress of the war. Richards re-

turned to the Architectural Press as

During the second world war he

rary developments in the arts.

tive man. Apparent contra-dictions in him made his personality intriguing, and aroused the interest particularly of women. Slow in movement and of speech, and with a benign, almost episcopal countenance that broke occasionally into a slow smile, he could lead others into thinking that he had little concentration, and was paying no attention to what was hap-

writer. Richards was a severe and outspoken critic in a field where

resentment is easily aroused and the

singlemindedness he brought to his

task inevitably made him some ene-

mies among practising architects.

His great sense of responsibility was

must have cost him much effort to

overcome. In conversation among friends he could be witty and light-

hearted, contributing wry and fun-ny rejoinders. In his writings and

public utterances, seriousness al-

ways prevailed to the extent that he

seemed to many a withdrawn and

rather daunting figure. It is, however, precisely for his earnestness in

the promotion of the standards he

approved that he will be remem-

bered among the architectural writ-

was educated at Gresham's School,

ture of the Architectural Association

allied to a natural diffidence which it

blame." Cooper was a deceppening or being said around

war-time reflections on his own early ers of his time.
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by John Piper), was something more son of Louis Saurin Richards. He than a study in nostalgia and re- was educated at Gresham's School.

viewers were quick to acknowledge. Holf, and at the School of Architec-

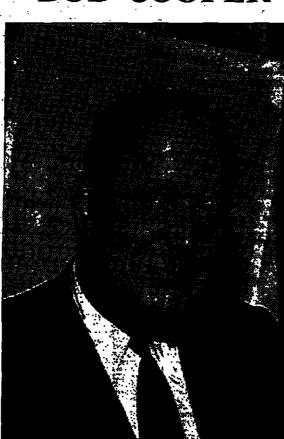
That impression was quite wrong. He would grasp the facts of a situation, and the salient points of a conversation with some public figure. as quickly and accurately as any of his colleagues. He then put the news to paper in almost majestic style. His full bodied dispatches flowed smoothly, to be savoured by the reader.

Cooper also had a descriptive pen, and it was this which finally put him on the path of being a newspaper corres-pondent. He had been a reporter on small provincial papers before he came to The Times in 1924 as a shorthand typist-telephonist. He had always wanted to write on lawn tennis and in 1930 his chance came. Someone was needed at short notice in Paris to cover the French lawn tennis championships (In those days, and for long after, tennis was still referred to in The Times as lawn tennis). Cooper, who was in Paris for his job, went along to describe

the play, which turned out to

be dramatic. The fluency of

University news



his prose was noticed at once. Four years later he joined the sports department as tennis correspondent and as a subeditor, and for the remainder of the 1930s at Wimbledon and elsewhere he followed the

giants of the game. When war came in 1939 Bob Cooper was attached to

the French army as war corr-

espondent. After that army had been overwhelmed, he reached England in June, 1940. He was then with the British home forces until 1942, and for two years after that in India and Burma, at the time of, among other events, the Wingate expeditions. Wingate came as a

welcome relief from the previ-

ous lack of urgency in the war theatre, with frustrations Cooper found so appalling that he asked to be trans-

mained there until his retirement in

1971 - an early retirement some-

what ungratefully and ungraciously

Richards was Hoffman Wood

Professor of Architecture at Leeds

University from 1957 to 1959 and a

founder member of the Advisory

Council of the Institute of Contem-

porary Arts from 1947. He was a

member of the Architectural Coun-

cil of the Festival of Britain from 1949 to 1951 and of the Fine Art

committee of the British Council.

He served on the council of the

Architectural Association from

1948 to 1951 and again from 1958.

and on the International Union of

Architects and Foreign Relations

Committee of the RIBA from 1950.

of the Institute of Landscape Archi-

tects in 1955 and in 1960 a Cheva-

lier (1st class) of the Order of the

White Rose of Finland. He was

awarded the gold medal of the

He was made honorary associate

enforced.

general editor in 1946 and re- Mexican Institute of Architects in

ferred to another front. He wrote in a letter to the paper on February 19, 1943: There is no real sense of urgency about the war in India. Delhi bureaucracy, with its blend of red-tape and babuism, is stifling." But he stayed on to find General Orde Wingate refreshingly unorthodox and decisive.

He then returned to Europe, and reported the D-Day landings and the Normandy campaign. He was present at the liberation of both Paris and Brussels and accompanied the allied advance through Europe.

The war's frustrations enhanced in Cooper the fiercely independent spirit he already nurtured. Correspondents who are tamely acquiescent in the office are as likely to be so in dealing with authority elsewhere. But the war had produced unusual stress and as well as complaining three weeks after D-Day about ill conceived press conferences regimented like pantomime he drew from The Times a conciliatory message and "unreserved reassurance" about a misunderstanding that had led to him sending a

salvo of complaint. Then Cooper again found himself at at the centre of events. He was sent to Nuremberg to report on the first war crimes trial, with Goering and his fellow Nazis in the dock. Although he often did not appear in the court

until the afternoon, night after night his rounded story of the day's proceedings was, by common consent, the best that went into print.

When it was all over Cooper wrote a book on the trial which appeared in Pelican paperback; he began preparing a fuller account which was aborted when the manuscript and his notes were stolen from his car. Cooper remained in Frankfurt as The Times correspondent in the American zone of Germany.

In 1948 he moved to the United Nations and he watched it coalesce and finally become established in New York. He was detached to accompany the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their world tour in 1953-54, and in 1954 he became the paper's senior man in Washington. For the next six years, while the Eisenhower administration ran its course, he grappled daily with the production of dispatches against the clock for editions in London, five hours ahead of Washington, recording the flood of details, but at the same time trying to present the long, slow swell of underlying changes.

In 1960 Cooper returned to the slightly calmer waters of Paris, a city he knew and understood well. In 1966 he came to London as television critic. He retired in 1969.

Cooper was married three times. His third wife, Kay, predeceased him.

He leaves two sons and a daughter.

Dinners

rument Makers', Launderers' and ferchant Taylors' Companies and their uties, and the Master and Mistress

Waldegrave, MP, was the principal guest.

Freight Transport Association Mr A.G. Lafone, President of the Freight Transport Association, presided at the annual dinner presided at the annual countries held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane Mr Bill Morris, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers'

April 28 ON THIS DAY

It was the 19th Bengal Infantry that had refused to load their rifles with the new heavily greased ammunition (the end of which required to be bitten) which came from the drsenal at Dundam. The the arsenal at Dumdum. The incident provided the spark which caused the outbreak of the mutiny six weeks later.

A LETTER FROM CALCUTTA

By the arrival of the Overland Mail we have received our correspondence and journals from Calcutta to the 23rd of March. Bombay the 2rd of April, and Hong Kong to the 15th of March:

CALCUTTA, March 23. "The Government has resolved to punish the 19th regiment or Native Infantry - that concerned in the mutiny at Berhampore. It has been ordered to Barrackpore, where it will be dishanded.

The sentence, though inadequate, is not without a certain severity. Every native officer loses his commission. Every old Sepoy loses his pension, and, as the Company only receives recruits up to a certain age, his bread. It is the officers and the older men who are to blame. and there is therefore justice in a punishment which falls almost exclusively on their heads.

"The capital has for the last two years been left almost unprotected. Formerly there was always a European regiment in the fort and 1,200 artillerymen at Dumdum, eight miles off. The transfer of the Artillery headquarters to Meerut left only one regiment in Calcutta, and that is some-

times reduced to a wing. "There are 5,000 Sepoys at Barrackpore. There is a bad spirit among some of them, and it is barely possible they may refuse to obey the order, or may display their sympathy in a manner involving a breach of discipline. In that case the fort. if not the town, would be in

danger, and Government has acted wisely in providing against the possibility of resistance. With two European regiments on the spot and three batteries in reserve, the Sepoys, however excited, will obey in silence. "I said the sentence was

inadequate. As I write, the papers bring intelligence of a mutiny among the Madras troops at Vizieragram. The Madrassees have no caste, and their discontent must therefore proceed from other causes than the carridge order.

"The truth is, we are at this moment passing through one of those periodical storms which every now and then remind us that Government in India "sits on bayonets." The Sepoys are restless and dissatisfied. They have no particular grievances, no particular lead-ers, no particular wants. "A war on this side of India

would remove every symptom or disaffection. But they are idle and, like all Asiatics, brood over imaginary wrongs and absurd reports till they are ready for anything, no matter what that will break the feverish monotony of their lives.

Then, we have gradually reduced the number of officers by draining them off for staff employment, till there are not enough left to manage the regiments. Sepoys require nearly as much attention as children. Under such circumstances mutiny, unless stopped by stern and striking punishment, is apt to become epidemic. The Government is quite prepared for such contingency, and the next in-stance of insubordination will, I doubt not, be visited by a punishment that will ring

through the native army. "It is greatly to be regretted that it was not inflicted at once by Colonel Mitchell, while the 19th were in open mutiny, Had the regiment been moved down by artillery we should have heard nothing of disaffec-tion for another decade. I am not giving you a private opin-ion of my own this is the universal cry of the public as

well as of the official word."



National treasure: Andrew Lloyd Webber stands by the Old Horse Guards Parade, the £10m Canaletto he is presenting to the Tate

Canaletto goes to the Tate

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ANDREW Lloyd Webber yesterday presented the Ca-naletto painting he bought two weeks ago for £10.25 million to the Tate Gallery.

In the room that houses Hoganh and his Circle Mr Lloyd Webber inspected the painting with Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, and Lord Dunluce, the gallery's keeper of conservation. Mr Lloyd Webber looked a little nervous, as he proudly clasped the frame of the Ca-naletto. a view of the Old Horse Guards Parade from St James's Park, much as one might having parted with

The painting is to be cleaned and will go on show to the public in September. Next year Mr Lloyd Webber will lend it to a major Canaletto exhibition in Birmingham.

Madam Speaker keeps cool

Continued from page 1 The new Madam Speaker takes over from Bernard Weatherill, who was Speaker from June 1983 until March this year when Parliament

John Major, the prime minister, Tony Newton, the new leader of the House, and Richard Ryder, government chief whip, all abstained in the vote for fear that their participation would be seen as an encouragement to Conservatives to back Mr Brooke, one of their cabinet colleagues until the post-election reshuffle. The government whips played no part, several of them sitting ostentatiously in the upstairs gallery to underline the point.

In all, 75 Conservatives voted for Miss Boothroyd. They included four ministers. Anthony Nelson, Michael Forsyth, Allan Stewart and John Redwood. The 16 members of the cabinet who did vote all backed Mr Brooke in the somewhat complicated mons procedure.

Sir Edward Heath, the new Diary, page 10 | Father of the House, presided

as Mr Brooke's supporters were first called to make the case for their man. They were followed by John Biffen, the former Conservative cabinet minister, who proposed the amendment to substitute Miss Boothroyd's name, sec-onded by Labour MP Gwyn-

Of the 20 Conservative women MPs, only four voted for Miss Boothroyd: Edwina Currie, Dame Peggy Fenner, Emma Nicholson and Elizabeth Peacock.

Accepting nomination, Miss Boothroyd said: "For me, the Commons has never been just a career. It's my life." When MPs had applauded her to the chair she said, clearly moved: "Before I take the chair I wish to thank the House for the very great honour it has bestowed on me. I pray that I shall justify its confidence and I pledge that I shall do all in my power to preserve the Speakership and its traditions.

Miss Boothroyd, as Speak-er-elect, will go with the Commons to the Lords today to report that she has been elect-

ed for "Her Majesty most readily to approve and condefences firm her as the Speaker". She will then return to the Commons as fully fledged

Mr Major said: "You have become our Speaker-elect because this House trusts you, it believes you enjoy in abundance the qualities necessary to protect and sustain the House and to safeguard

Neil Kinnock, Labour's leader, said: "If in any part of the House there was any reservation, surely it must have been removed by the way in which, at the point of your election, you stood there, at a time when you could have been expected to be overwhelmed with a certain emotion, and gave instructions that the mace should be put in its appropriate position. "That's what my children would call 'very cool'!"

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US weapon jammed

US Navy official, quoted in the magazine, said the majority of Tomahawks fired on

January 17, the first night of the allied air campaign, had carbon-filled warheads. Iraq's air defences depended on commercial electricity to operate the command and control computers. According to Aviation Week, the spools of carbon fibre wire were dropped over the outdoor switching systems that transferred electricity from

generators to power lines. The result was an "intense fire storm" that wiped out the power supply. Metallic wire spools were found around electrical facilities at Baiji, the largest power plant in Iraq.

Warren Piper, a former electrical engineer who visited Iraq after the war, said he was given some of the spools by plant operators who described them as uncoiling "like a roll of tissue paper".

Political sketch

The sun comes out to brighten father's day

Was it the changeability of an April day, or sudden beam of sunshine through the windows of the Commons yesterday to bathe Sir Edward Heath in light as he took the Chair for the selection of a

Sir Edward's great day had arrived. His smile said it all. "I'm still here. She's gone! Yippee!" Few of us in our lifetimes will see again a look of more profound pleasure spread across an old gentleman's face. If there had been any way. within parliamentary rules. for Sir Edward to climb onto the table and, breaking into a schoolboy chorus, chant in the gener-al direction of Finchley: "I'm the king of the castle...". then he would have

Heath is now 'Father of the House'. "I hope that includes 'Mother of the House," observed a sultry Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab, Nantwich), temporarily ruffling Sir Edward's se-rene self-image. Heath's arrival, as chair-

man, had been perfectly executed. He made a formal entrance in full morning dress, bowing three times in unison with his clerk as he approached the Chair. Sir Edward looked as though he had been practising all morning: the bows were just so: not too deep, not too perfunctory: each impeccably timed, each undertaken with slow dignity and gruff expres-sion. He resembled Edward Bear doing his stoutness exercises in front of a mirror.

Black Rod's entrance was more flustered. We have a new Black Rod. The last one was very grave, but the problem with this one is that he has a sense of humour and a voice which. like an adolescent's at puberty, keeps jumping into a falsetto trill. "I am commanded," he announced, inadvertently yodelling on "commanded" and then pausing fatally to smile at a wisecrack from Dennis Skinner. This afforded Skinner his second shot. "If yer stand 'ere any long-er yer'll get yerself nomi-nated as Speaker" growled the MP, to general mirth. It was true. MPs were there to receive nomina-

tions for Mr Speaker. The

Central southern and south-

electors of Bolsover having returned Skinner to us there is no more a vacancy for Mr Heckler's post than for that of Mr Deputy Heckler — for Bob Cryer (Lab, Bradford S) is back. But now that Anthony Beaumont-Dark is gone. I nominate Lady Olga Mait-land (C, Sutton & Cheam): Madam Rentaquote.

Though Mrs Currie returns to her post as Mad-am Limelight, Giles Brand-reth (C. Chester), who on his first day walked straight into the prime TV 'doughnuting space, directly behind the PM, and sat down. is already mounting a challenge. Norman Tebbit having quit, nominations for Mr Polecat are open, while Dave Nellist's narrow defeat has left the Commons with no Mr Class Warrior. Finally. since Leith has lost Ron Brown there is a vacancy for Mr Knickersnatcher. I could name half a dozen challengers for the post of Mr Deputy Knicker-snatcher... but I won't.

The Chamber, more 1 crowded than I have ever seen, settled down. Sir Edward rose. For the election of a Speaker, he said it may be helpful to describe the procedure . . There was a great, rueful laugh. Nobody could understand the procedure. It struck your sketchwriter that it might have been more helpful not to have an election at all, but to ask the parliamentary clerks to set the candidates for the job a short test: describe the procedure for electing a Speaker in not more than 500 words. The first able to do so would be given the

post automatically.
Imagine a Sunday school class faced with the decision whether to go to Blackpool, Morecombe, Skegness or Cleethorpes for a treat. Such a decision (you might think) could be taken by taking a vote on each and choosing the most popular. That is not parliament's way. They would toss a coin, propose a resort, and dare anyone to propose another. If anyone does, they vote on the alternative. Those who didn't want either are confounded. Luckily Betty Boothroyd - very much the Blackpool vote — enjoyed a natural majority. Not, though, before

Morecombe tendency had been put to the test Proposed by the Torics' Sir Michael Neubert ("If I get this wrong I may never catch the Speaker's eye again"). Mr Brooke, in regimental-style tie, made a speech of real eloquence and wit: fluent, expert and relaxed. Self-deprecating to the last, he quoted Lobengula, chief of the Matabele. to Queen Victoria "We who are but the lice on the edge of your Majesty's blanker". Lobengula, he might have added, was a brave and noble figure. ambushed with his supporters by a posse under the command of Selous. Hopelessly outnumbered. Lobengula displayed great dignity in defeat. So did Brooke.

Betty Boothroyd's posse were a varied lot. The Tories best intellectual. John Biffen (proposing her) ad-vanced, in the cause of our one-time Tiller Girl, not one but two constitutional hypotheses: the doctrine of 'constructive myopia" and the concept of "fraternity in suffering". Tony Benn as "the Uncle of the House". praised her candidature as untainted by Labour and Opposition whips. " 'the usual channels'." he added. "the most polluted waterways on earth"

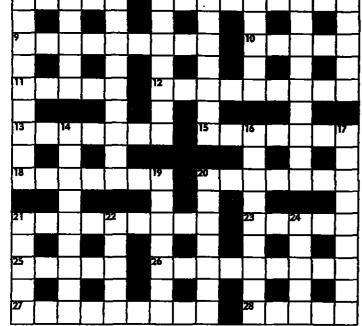
Macclesfield's Nick Winterton (C) berated those who come to this House merely seeking ministerial office" whereupon the whole of the government benches started pointing at the Opposition and the entire Opposition pointed at the government benches. We could have pointed at both of them.

Detty Boothroyd spoke Dwell: graceful but confident. The vote over, John Biffen and Gwyneth Dunwoody enacted the ritual of dragging her, unwilling, to the Speaker's chair. Frank-ly, Miss Boothroyd did not look unwilling. Mr Biffen. a rather slighter figure than either of the ladies and holding Miss Boothroyd by the hand, looked like a little boy being helped over the road by two lollipop ladies. Mr Major quoted a previous Speaker — "I'm tired, I'm weary. I'm sick of all this" — and wished Betty

MATTHEW PARRIS

Boothroyd better luck.

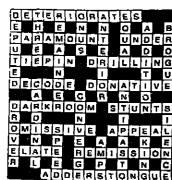
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ACROSS I Decomposed matter around

- university smells awful (5).
- 4 Refuse to provide food for this
- 9 Lewis Carroll, possibly, or Falstaff's bogus corporal? (9). 10 Horse carrying gold to eastern
- Refuge for person leaving Oman in the existing circumstances (5).
- 12 Repulsive river creature extremely loathsome (9). 13 A grovelling person, the monitor
- 15 Game played by 23 on board (7).
- 18 Such excess is singular? Could be, if true (7).
- 20 Idealistic chap with an aristocratic crest (7).
- 21 As a minister she is a busybody. along with Miss Durbevfield (9). 23 This fireplace is no good in a French island (5).
- 25 About half the Tyne is covered by
- a social worker (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18.903



26 Cycled, say, to the game, eating here on the way (9).

27 There's a vessel at the bottom or a wreck (5-4). 28 Wood about right for a little boy to hide in (5).

DOWN

1 Note from a physician demand-ing wine (9).

2 Suitable starter for some sports

assemblies (5). 3 Incidental criticism comes as a

blow (4-5).

4 Honest father seen outside new 5 Luckily William Tell was not so

lacking in purpose! (7). 6 Source of river, say, that's rising in a mountain (5).

Soldier capturing a Rabelaisian

Direction to change course upset magistrate (5).

14 Material for fitting (9). 16 Like the first polished im-plements one clumsily fired here in Rome (9).

17 One enters freely, being a poet

19 The alternative openings for bright Orpheus and his lute (7). 20 Arriviste put out about award for merit (7). Song from a woman in Eden

once (5). 22 He chased the nymphs one day a year (5). Glutton disposing of island's

fruit (5).

Concise crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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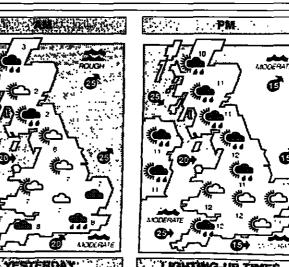
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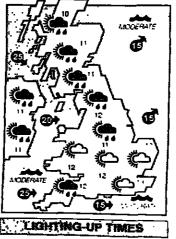
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THE BUSINESS

TUESDAY APRIL 28 1992

Canada and Italy. The com-muniqué expressed dissatis-

faction at the recent weakness

of the yen, saying "the decline

of the yen was not contrib-

utiing to the international adjustment process".

The G7 also urged Japan to

cut taxes or raise public

spending to revive its econo-

my and stimulate world growth, although Tutsomu

Hata, the finance minister,

succeeded in removing the

reference to Japan by name.

The communique called on

"those countries with large surpluses and declining

growth" to be "mindful of the

possibilities of strengthening

demand through appropriate

Later in the day, President

George Bush endorsed the

G7's call for growth-promot-

ing policies, especially in Ja-

pan and Germany. He said

each country had to find its own way of achieving eco-nomic growth and that he was not prepared to criticise

either the German or Japa-

However, he added that he

would be prepared to talk personally to Chancellor Helmut Kohl about the

growth issue and that the

Japanese government had committed itself to a "growth

agenda" during his trip to

Tokyo. If necessary, Mr Bush would push Germany and Japan again at July's G7 summit in Munich, Ameri-

can officials said. While Mr

Hata formally denied in

Washington that any further

policy stimulus would be nec-

for Janan to 1

economy out of recession.

officials in Washington and

economists in Tokyo said that

a large fiscal reflation pack-

age was almost certain to be

announced within the next

On March 31, the govern-

ment announced a package

of fiscal measures to increase

public spending in the first

half of the fiscal year that

began this month by 15.7 per cent, compared with the same

period a year earlier, to Y11.3

Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japa-

nese prime minister, has re-

cently called for a supplem-

entary budget worth as much

as 5 trillion yen on top of the acceleration of public works announced on March 31.

The powerful ministry for in-

ternational trade and indus-

try has suggested that a third

economic package might be needed to meet the official

growth target of 3.5 per cent.

Phillips & Drew Internation-

story. In real terms, the min-

istry of finance probably has already resigned itself to the

need for a supplementary

budget later in the year." She

and other economists said

Mr Hata's comments amounted to a face-saving

move by Japanese officials

who would look as if they were

caving in to foreign pressure

if they suddenly agreed to change domestic policies.

IMF membership, page 8 World growth, page 17

Chiharu Shima of UBS

trillion (£47 billion).

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nese government.

measures".

Britain seen as safe haven

Sterling leaps

as funds flow

out of Germany

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

Sterling was also well up on the dollar, while the mark was

slightly down. In the Europe-

an exchange-rate mecha-

nism, the pound moved close

to the middle of the currency

league. It closed only 0.5 per

cent below the mark and above both the other leading international currencies in

the system - the lira and the

Apart from Britain, Japan

was the other big beneficiary

from what looked like a sig-

nificant redirection of inter-

national capital movements yesterday morning. The yen rose 1 per cent against the dollar to Y132.90, as inves-

tors reacted to the communi-

qué released in Washington

by finance ministers from the

Group of Seven nations, com-

prised of America, Japan, Germany, Britain, France,

Mr Lapthorne's "substan-

tial" contribution to Courtaulds. "It is a credit to

Courtaulds management that

he should have been asked to

do such an exceptionally challenging job," he said. During BAe's search for a new chairman. Sir Christo-

pher Hogg, chairman of

Courtaulds, was asked infor-

mally if he would like to be

ever, Sir Graham is known to

have a high regard for Sir

Mr Lapthorne joined Cour-taulds as group financial con-

troller in 1983, and has been

finance director since 1986.

He will be replaced by Mich-

ael Pragnell, 45, who runs the

taulds' coatings operation

will then be split, with Bob

Champagne taking responsi-bility for North American ac-

tivities and Eryl Morris run-ning coatings in Europe and

the entire financing required.

The combined bank will have

assets of NZ\$3.05 billion and

will have more than 150

The 20 per cent stake is

being bought from General

Accident's New Zealand sub-sidiary at NZ\$2.05 a share.

Bruce Pattullo, Governor of

Bank of Scotland, said that

Countrywide's acquisition of

United Bank "opens up the

opportunity of creating a New Zealand-wide, very pro-

fessional retail bank, capable

of competing with some of the

Comment, page 19

the Far East.

Bank of Scotland raises

its stake in NZ group

By OUR CITY STAFF

branches.

The management of Cour-

group's paints business.

Christopher and his team.

French franc.

BAe names new

finance director

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

STERLING yesterday

rose to its highest level

against the German mark

since September as inter-

national funds flowed out

of Germany in response to

the worst industrial unrest

The unexpected resigna-

tion of Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, the foreign minis-

ter who has participated in

every German government since the early 1970s, was

also seen by some analysts as

a symptom of the political instability that highlighted

Britain's attraction as the

only leading European coun-

try with a conservative gov-

ernment enjoying a secure

majority for the next five

years. The pound advanced

to almost DM2.9370 from Friday's close of DM2.9255.

BRITISH Aerospace has ap-

pointed Richard Lapthorne, from Courtaulds, as finance

director, completing the new management team charged

with refocusing Britain's big-

gest manufacturing company

on its core businesses in de-

Lapthorne, 49, was made

with the approval of John

full-time chairman from Sir

Graham Day, BAe's tempo-

rary chairman since Profes-

sor Roland Smith resigned

after the company issued a

Mr Lapthorne succeeds

profit warning last autumn.

Dudley Eustace, who re-

signed after helping BAe pro-mote its subsequent unsuc-

cessful £432 million rights

delighted to welcome "such

an experienced and well-qual-

ified finance director". Sipko Huismans, chief ex-

ecutive of Courtaulds, the in-

ternational materials manu-

facturing company, praised

BANK of Scotland has signif-

icantly increased its exposure

to the New Zealand banking

market by taking a further 20

per cent stake in Countrywide

Banking Corporation at a cost of NZ\$27.1 million (E8.5

million), raising its total hold-

from Countrywide, which re-

quired funding for its

NZ\$182 million acquisition

of United Bank, another New

Bank of Scotland is to pro-

vide some of the finance for the deal and is to underwrite

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK

HIGH-LEVEL bankers and

senior ex-international diplo-

mates have turned drapers to

rescue two of New York's

most financially troubled de-

Henry Kissinger, the for-

mer whistle-stop diplomat, is

among seven independent

directors now minding RH

Macy, the world's largest de-

partment store chair, after

six management executives

were ousted from the board.

of Citibank have appointed themselves to the board of

Alexander's after taking pos-

session of a 27 per cent stake

in the debt-burdened chain

as part of foreclosing on

Three top vice-presidents

partment store chains.

The move follows a request

ing to 60 per cent.

Zealand bank.

Sir Graham said he was

The appointment of Mr.

fence and aerospace.

for 18 years.

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



LONE STAND

Standard Chartered

After stepping back from the brink of collapse, Standard Chartered agains hopes to prove banking analysts wrong by forging an

independent future, writes Neil Bennett Page 19

SHOWING OFF

The recession failed to dent growth at Blenheim Group, the exhibitions company, where profits advanced 5 l per cent in Page 18

IN PRIVATE



Family-owned Littlewoods denied reports that it was considering a stock market flotation

POOR SERVICE?

Many shopworkers earn less than half Britain's average wage of £284.70 a week. Their union is under pressure to secure a better deal Page 16

LAW TIMES

HOME RULE



John Tacksberry, QC, works from home and saves £30,000 a year in rent and clerks' fees. Other barristers are following his example Page 25

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7792 (+0.0077) German mark 2.9369 (+0.0113) Exchange index 92.6 (+0.3) Bank of England official close (4pm)

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debts of Donald Trump, the ex-hillionaire. Macy's, whose \$78 million



Kissinger: called in profit slumped to a \$671.6 million loss over the past Christmas and new year season, has been under the protection of the bankruptcy courts for three months. Alexander's is considering going into bankruptcy as one Laurence Tisch. CBS chairoption of its restructuring

Billionaires turn to minding the store

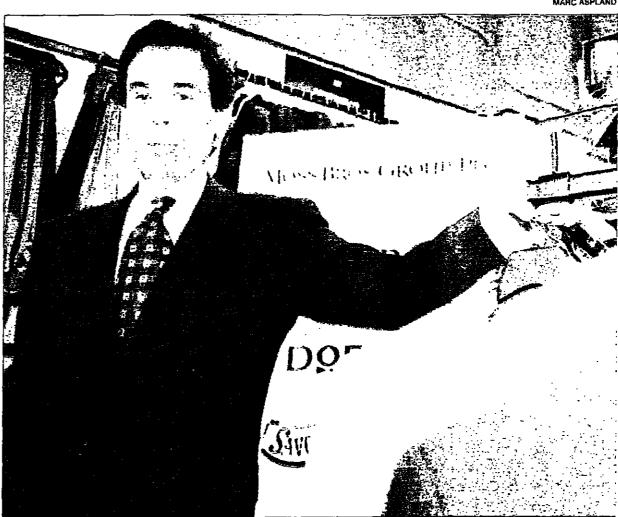
Macy's putsch came late last week when the seven independent directors gave themselves a majority of the votes by cutting six others from the 16-man board. The three remaining Macy's directors include Edward Finkelstein, chairman and chief executive, who led the 1986 \$3.5 billion management buyout of the chain. He is expected to quit this week.
It was a deal that saddled

the stores with huge debts on which it could not meet interest payments as the recession began to bite. There have been rumours of a move to oust Mr Finkelstein for more than a month, but close observers say he has survived

the latest coup. Alongside Mr Kissinger is

man and chief executive. Alfred Taubman, Sotheby's owner, Sidney Weinberg, a Goldman Sachs partner, Paul van Orden, a General Electric vice-president, and Louis Page and Michael Price, two New York billionaire financiers. Together, the seven control an estimated

28 per cent of Macy's shares. Meanwhile, executives at Citibank are expected to ser two more board seats at Alexander's. The bank's 1.4 million shares are said to have halved in value in the past month, while the chain has made unsuccessful attempts to defer payments to trade creditors. When Mr Trump put the stake up as collateral for a loan, it was said to be worth \$26 million. Last week, its value fell to \$12.5



Wearing time: Rowland Gee of Moss Bros, which announced a 45 per cent fall in pre-tax profits yesterday

Moss Bros slips but shares improve

BY OUR CITY STAFF

A SHARP increase in rental and business rate costs has contributed to a 45 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.3 million for the year to January 25 at Moss Bros Group, the hire and menswear outlitters.

However, the results exceeded market expectations and the share rose 4p to 118p. Neil Benson, the chairman, said: "The timing of the end of the UK recession is less significant than the eventual return of consumer confidence, and there is no clear indication at the moment

when this will happen."
Rowland Gee, the managing director, said that sales in the first three months of the current financial year were marginally up on last year. Turnover fell last year by £3

million to £51.7 million, but gross profits were held at £24.5 million. Shop occupation costs, which account for more than half of all operating costs, rose by 18 per cent because of rent reviews and a £400.000 increase in the uniform business rate paid. A £1.5 million prior year tax credit on the £23 million sale of the company's former

Covent Garden store lifted earnings per share to 14.18p. Excluding this gain, earnings were 5.19p against 9.43p for the previous year. The final dividend was left unchanged at 3.5p, making a maintained 5p payout for the

The figures did not include a contribution from Dormie. the formal wear hire and retail chain acquired late last year. However, the deal did account for an increase in stocks at the year end. Net cash balances were £8.4 million compared with £8.8 million previously. The Dormie purchase has given Moss Bros a 35 per cent share of the UK hire market. Mr Gee said the company was aiming for a 50 per cent share.

Council of Lloyd's may offer lifeline to names

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE council of Lloyd's meets tomorrow for one of the most important decision-making sessions in the 304-year history of the insurance market amid growing signs that it may be about to offer a lifeline to its hardest-hit names.

A confrontation is expected between hawks and doves on the issue. A hard core of conservative council members is still against Lloyd's offering retrospective assistance to the several thousand names suffering most from the losses caused by huge claims on insurance policies

taken out in 1989 and 1990. However, a significant minority on the council is now thought to favour one of the proposals put to David Coleridge. Lloyd's chairman, in

recent weeks. One of the more radical suggested solutions is that a market fund should be levied on every member to pay losses in excess of 100 per cent on any syndicate. Such a proposal almost certainly would have to be put to the entire membership of Lloyd's through a referendum. Support for a rescue

scheme of this kind is gathering momentum in the market, where concern is growing that Lloyd's may be fatally damaged by ever-increasing litigation and a continuing erosion of the capital base. Cox Group, a seading

members' agency, has written to its 600 names, urging to contact members rescue package. In the letter, David

Coulthard, the managing director of Cox Group, has written that assistance is needed "to show the world at large that not only can we solve our own problems as a self-regulated society of members, but also to show those members who have suffered from the

joint effects of weak under-

writing (at best) and the most devastating series of insurance losses, that as a society we do care about those who are hurt by the commercial reality of the business in which we trade."

In a separate letter to council members, Mr Coulthard advocates levies to raise £100 million a year as security for a £500 million to £600 million loan to be used as a rescue

The price paid by the afflicted names for the rescue would be a commitment to the council in support of a end all litigation. Names on syndicates where legal actions are being pursued may reject such a package on the ground that they should not have to pay any losses where they were the victims of malpractice. The next legal salvo is expected to be fired today when the Gooda Walker Action Group launches its longawaited move to prevent drawdowns of their deposits.

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Shops staff seek better pay bargain

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

union, Usdaw, had their highest settlements for seven years in 1991, yet many members still earn less than half of Britain's average wage of £284,70 a week.

Delegates at the union's 46th annual conference at, the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, next week, will face continued demands from members for better-than-inflation rises this year, despite the squeeze on company profits.

The union's ability to deliver will be crucial if it is to stem a 5.6 per cent fall in membership to 341,389 last year.

Shop work has never been well paid. But last year only sales assistants at Harrods and Selfridges were on basic rates above the union's target minimum of £160 a week.

The level of settlements varied according to when they were achieved. Inflation, measured by the retail prices index, fell from 9 per cent in January to 4.5 per cent in December. Deals negotiated earlier in the year tended to be the highest.

However, some were affected by special factors. Adam Geldman of Industrial Relations Services, the pay re-

PAY negotiators from the searcher, said some poorty shopworkers and distribution paid women benefited from moves by employers towards equal pay and reevaluation of jobs. But some shop assistants in the worst hit sectors, including fashion and furni-ture, had pay freezes, or even

lost their jobs.

A trawl through the deals provides an intriguing picture. A senior funeral director at the Co-operative Wholesale Society received a 9.85 per cent rise last year, taking his basic pay to £13,435 — £1,654 below national aver-age annual earnings.

Co-op lorry drivers are paid according to vehicle weight. After last year's 10 per cent rise, drivers of vehicles up to 7.38 tonnes earn a basic £146.19, while drivers of 32-38 tonne lorries earn £162.51...

At Tesco, the same driver could have been earning £227.18 after a similar 10 per cent increase. A cook at Tesco earns £168.13 and a ware-house worker £142.52.

Manufacturing workers had lower rises, but their pay tends to be higher. An agreement with Kellogg's, the American breakfast cereal maker, produced basic rates for workers in Wrexham between £219.89



Unpromising outlook: ABF's Weston reports interim profits down by £9.9m

ABF profits cut back a slice

ASSOCIATED British Foods, the Sunblest, Twinings and British Sugar group, blames increased competition and cuts in interest rates for lower pre-tax profits in the six months to March 14 (Colin Campbell writes).

Lower net cash balances, down from £400 million to £350 million, interest rates of 10.5 per cent compared with 16.5 per cent previously, and a tough economic background left pre-tax profits £9.9 million lower at £175.2 million. Garry Weston, chairman,

says: "While we do not anticipate any further significant deterioration, neither do we vet see evidence of an immediate improvement. Unless the economies in

which the group operates recover significantly, second-half profits will, at best, equal those earned in the second half of the previous year. The interim dividend is held at 8.5p a share.

In Britain and Europe, sales increased 19 per cent and the trading surplus 37 per cent, which included six months'

contribution from British Sugar. However, bakery prof-its suffered from wide-spread discounting. Mr Weston said ABF remains committed to its bread operations, and that it had maintained a 33 per cent share of the wrapped and sliced bread market.

ABF has written off £10.6 million against its 21 per cent stake in Berisford International, for which it originally paid 100p a share, valuing its holding at market value.

Dividend increased at Molynx

By PHILIP PANGALOS

Holdings

MOLYNX Holdings, the closed circuit television and environmental control group. has matched the forecast made with last October's rights issue; with a 13.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.92 million in the year to the end of December.

The proceeds from the £5.5 million cash call were used to fund two acquisitions, one in America and one in Germany, and to reduce group borrowings. Eric Walters, chairman, said the newly acquired companies have "settled in well".

Group turnover advanced 41 per cent to £22 million. The final dividend rises to 2.7p. from 2.5p last time, giving an improved total of 4p for the year, against 3.75p. Earnings fell 9 per cent to 10.7p a share, from 11 8p a share last time which 11.8p a share last time, which is restated to reflect the dilu-

tive effect of the rights issue. Mr Walters said 1992 has started with some signs of economic recovery in the group's UK closed-circuit television markets, but building energy management systems companies have been affected by the depressed property market. "The first half looks tough, but we shall, as ever, give a good account of ourselves in the full year," he

Molynx shares firmed 1p to 84p, against last October's rights issue price of 88p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dares Estates holds talks with bankers

DARES Estates, whose 1991 accounts carry an auditors' qualification, admitted that it was in breach of various banking convenants in the year ended December, and said it had made a £17.76 million exceptional provision covering property writedowns and the costs of refinancing negotiations with its bankers.

The pre-tax loss for the year was £28.5 million compared with a previous loss of £30.5 million. Net assets at year-end had fallen from £40.4 million to £7.41 million and, therefore, under the Companies Act. an extraordinary meeting has been called for June 1. No dividend can be declared on the ordinary shares, and none is proposed for the convertible preference shares. Ervin Landau, chairman, said that Dares was talking to its bankers about breaches of convenants. He added that the company's future depended wholly on a recovery in the economy and in the propeny market. Shares traded at 2½p.

Serif deeper in red

SERIF Cowells, the printing and packaging group that makes the boards and cards for Trivial Pursuit, has plunged deeper into the red after a year of restructuring and desperts to the red after a year of Co. Amilion in the year disposals. It reported a pre-tax loss of £2.2 million in the year to December compared with a profit of £1.3 million in the. previous period. Turnover was £34.4 million (£62 million). There is no final dividend. Much of the downturn in sales was due to loss of the licences to distribute Trivial Pursuit and Nintendo. The shares were trading at 7p yesterday.

Wensum profits slip

THE Wensum Company, a supplier of clothing to corporate customers and retailers, has reported seeing signs of renewed activity in the high street. The company announced pre-tax profits for the year to January 25 of £607.000. down 19 per cent. The final dividend was maintained at 2.35p. making an unchanged 3.5p for the year. Turnover fell from £8.9 million to £7.6 million. Trading profits from Wensum Clothing fell from £490,000 to £261,000, while profits from Wensum Corporate rose slightly to £486.000.

Seaborne trade boost

SEABORNE trade from Europe to the Far East and Latin America will be the fastest growing trade routes at least until 1996, according to a global survey by DRI, an economic consultancy, and TBS Transportation. Trade to the Far East will outstrip transpacific and transatlantic containerised cargo business because of the stronger economic prospects of the Far East. The trade forecasts assume an economic recovery in America and real GDP growth in Europe of 2.2

Invisible earnings up

BRITAIN'S invisible earnings, which generated £32 billion in 1991 from export services and accounted for 57 per cent of gross domestic product, are likely to rise this year due to improved business and economic confidence. A survey by British Invisibles, a private sector organisation, and AT Kearney, an international management consultant concludes there is a growing mood of optimism among those involved in tourism, shipping and financial services. More than 80 companies in nine sectors were surveyed in January.

Rothschild retained

NM Rothschild, the London merchant banker, has been retained by Goldbelt Resources, a metals exploration group based in Canada, to raise \$40 million for the development of a gold project in Kazakhstan in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Goldbelt has rights to 136 million tonnes of tailings that are estimated to contain 2.7 million or of gold and 20.7 million or of silver. Over the first ten years of a 25-year project life, production is expected to be 924.000 or of gold and 5.74 million or of silver.

Jo Walker losses soar

JO WALKER & Co was the latest casualty of the depressed state of the housing market, as the timber importer and building materials group passed its final dividend (2p) after full-year losses deepened. The Leicester-based company saw pre-tax losses jump to £467,210 in the year to end-December, against £36,342 last time. Group turnover declined from £15.1 million to £13.9 million. The loss per share surged to 37.8p, against a deficit of 3.8p a share last time. The company did not pay an interim dividend.

Investors unsure of **Bosch bid**

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

A MINORITY group of shareholders in Worcester Group, the boiler maker, has expressed reservation about the price that Bosch, the German industrial company. has offered for the company.

Despite these reservations, shareholders are unlikely to launch any formal action against the agreed bid, and may favour remaining mi-nority shareholders unless they receive an improved offer. Bosch has secured irrevocable undertakings in re-spect of just over 50 per cent of the shares, and the deal is therefore likely to go ahead at the current valuation of £71.8 million, or 225p per share

The dissenting shareholders. which include Scottish Amicable, Standard Life, and Eagle Star, could prove a nuisance to Bosch and Worcester's management if they can muster support of at least 25 per cent of the votes. From such a position, the holders could play an active part in what most of them still consider to be a highly profitable business, or to be bought out eventually by Bosch at a higher price.

The furore over Bosch's bid is caused by the 38.4 per cent stake in Worcester held by its own management. Under the deal, the management will continue to hold an equity stake, of 32.3 per cent, in the new group. Some shareholders fear that the manage-ment, led by Cecil Duckworth, chairman, chief executive and largest individual shareholder, has not paid high enough regard to their

Estates BY OUR CITY STAFF DESPITE the depressed state of the property sector. James Smith Estates is rewarding shareholders with an increased dividend after the property investment group achieved a small rise in full year profits. The Unlisted Securities Marketshares ad-

Payout up

at Smith

vanced by 7p to 80p. Pre-tax profits climbed 2.2 per cent to £1.19 million in the year ended March 24, despite increased borrowings to fund purchases and sharply reduced sales of flats on long

Stephen Mulliner, the chairman, attributed the company's performance to the high quality of its commercial property portfolio and a low level of borrowings". Gearing stood at 28

Gross rental income advanced by 23.5 per cent to £2.01 million, with the commercial property portfolio expected to continue to show significant reversionary

The final dividend is being raised to 2.5p, against 2.2p last time, giving an increased total of 3.75p for the year, against 3.3p for the comparable period. Earnings per share edge up from 5.0p to 5. lp a share.

The group's properties were revalued by the directors at £27.4 million, representing a decline of 8.8 per cent. The company said the decline in capital value reflects generally higher commercial proper-ty yields. Net assets per share fell 9.6 per cent to 133p

SUNALLIANCE

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The year 1991 was the worst in the history of British insurance. In the United Kingdom there has been the most damaging recession since the War. Whilst the Gulf crisis, the reshaping of Europe, world-wide debt problems and the US budget deficit have contributed to the weakness of the global economy, the sharpness of the setik in the UK economy is in some measure di to local causes. As a consequence, having the largest proportion of UK business among the British composite insurers, Sun Alliance has suffered most severely.

UK Business

The weakness of industrial output and retail trade put limits on premium income, and claims, both genuine and in some cases fraudulent, were recorded at a disproportionate rate. Irresponsible underwriting and cut-throat competition on the part of other insurers has also contributed to a state of affairs in which the cost of claims has moved far out of line with premium rates.

Some of these factors recur as a result of the well-recognised phenomenon of the insurance underwriting cycle. Our recent losses have also been compounded by the rapid growth of unemployment and the collapse of the housing market and, as a direct consequence, an epidemic of mortgage indemnity insurance claims. This is a class of business in which we have been involved for many years through our long and valuable connections with the principal building societies which in turn has enabled us to write a great deal of household and personal insurance.

There is no doubt that the relaxation of regulatory restrictions and an uncontrolled money supply led in recent years to a degree of competition amongst lenders in which many advances were made without sufficient care to assess the credit-worthiness of the individual borrower.

However, our premium rates for mortgage indemnity business have now been significantly increased. Changes are also being made by the Government in the payment of housing benefit. Various schemes to assist borrowers have been projected, in some of which the Group is involved, and the management of arrears by lenders has become more active and effective. The rate of repossession is already falling. All these factors will tend to mitigate the future rate of losses. It is nevertheless inevitable that we shall suffer further substantial losses from this class of business in 1992.

After another dry summer we have made provision for further losses arising from subsidence. Claims were down on the previous year but still amounted to £117m. Large areas, particularly in the South East of England, remain exceptionally dry and there is little doubt that significant subsidence damage will be a continuing feature of household insurance. We have introduced a system of differential premium rates which is more rational and fair than a level rating system so that areas of high risk make a greater contribution to the cost of claims.

Overseas Business

Chubb once more produced an excellent result in the USA. Elsewhere in the world Europe has been a difficult market, although our Danish subsidiary. Codan, has done well. We have made some selective acquisitions in Belgium and in New Zealand, where the purchase of the business of the Guardian Royal Exchange subsidiary has given us real substance.

Carrent Developments

Encouraging signs of global recovery are becoming apparent. Trading conditions are improving for insurers, rates are firming and we have taken strong corrective action to reduce our expenses. The completion of the reorganisation of our UK operating companies and a streamlining of our operations on a functional instead of a geographical basis will, over the years 1991 and 1992, reduce our core insurance workforce by some 8%.

We shall lose some business in the process of revising premiums and being more selective about risks, but such losses will mostly be in parts of the portfolio that show no signs of making profit.

Financial Strength

In the 1980s the Group, despite a variety of vicissitudes, gained in strength. The business of insurance is long term and we exist to help our policyholders through their own set-backs and calamities by being able to take the longer view and maintaining appropriate resources. Underwriting losses have to be faced, but they

must be seen in the context of the total assets of

Our strength owes much to the continuing good management of the investment portfolio. After all the disasters of the past two years the Group solvency margin at 63% remains easily the most powerful among the composite companies.

The life funds produced another record return for the Group. The embedded value of our life business, which is not included in stated snareholders' funds, increased during the year,

I must pay tribute to all our staff for whom this has been a very tough year. They represent the assurance that the Group will prosper in the better times ahead.

Dividend

In the light of our financial, technological and human assets we are well placed to benefit from the improved business opportunities of 1992 and beyond. It is the Board's considered view that the relationship between Sun Alliance and its shareholders is fundamentally a long term one, to be rewarded by sound and prudent dividend growth, while maintaining ample funds to secure the interests of both shareholders and policyholders. Against this background your directors have decided to recommend that the same final dividend as in 1990 should be paid.

H.U.A. Lambert

RESULTS FOR 19	191	
The audited Group results for 1991 are as follows:	1991 £m.	1990 £m
Premium income -		
General insurance	2,677.9	2,512.7
Long-term insurance	1,017.7	861.2
	3,695.6	3,373.9
Profit and loss account		
General insurance underwriting result	(833.5)	(550.8)
Long-term insurance profits	54.3	47.7
Investment and other income	313.0	322.2
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(466.2)	(180.9)
Taxation	(2.7)	(82.5)
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(463.5)	(98.4)
Minority interests	8.2	7.8
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(471.7)	106.2
Dividend	113.9	111.1
Retained profits transfer	(585.6)	(217.3)
Share capital and reserves	1,684.0	2,033.6
Earnings/(loss) per share	(59.2p)	(13.4p)
Dividend per share	14.25p	14.0p

The above seatement is a summary of the year's results and does not constitute the company's statutory accounts. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, including an unqualified Auditors' Report, were posted to shareholders on 27th April 1992 and will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting to be held at 12 noon on 20th May 1992 at the Registered Office. If you are not a shareholder and would like a copy please write to the Company Secretary at the address shown below

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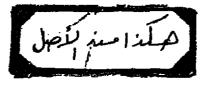
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Littlewoods survives a catalogue full of woes

By Jon Ashworth

THE recession has finally caught up with Littlewoods. A huge rise in the number of people falling behind on credit card payments squeezed profits before tax at Britain's biggest private company to £97 million, just 2.3 per cent up on the previous year.

After sailing through 1990 with pre-tax profits up 46 per cent, the chain store, mail order and football pools company was hit last year by a £6 million shortfall on its credit card and personal loan

That, combined with a £6 million dip in revenue from property disposals, left Littlewoods with modest gains, but an emphasis on

Irish Life increases dividend

Irish Life, privatised by the Dublin government in July last year, has announced a pre-tax profit of Ir£40.6 million (£37.2 million) for the year to end-December. The profit for 1990 was In£40.4 million, but the company said the two amounts are not directly comparable because of a special In 29 million transfer from long-term funds made in 1990. A final 1r5.44p dividend has been declared, compared with the IrO.2p paid out last time. Funds under management were Ir£5 billion at the year-

end, up 12 per cent The increase in embedded values in 1991 was Ir£112 million, less than the IrE117 million forecast at the time of flotation. Brendan Hayes, finance chief executive, said the shortfall was caused by the decline in equity and property markets. The embedded value at December 31

was Ir£540 million. Lyles advance

Fresh demand for carpets has helped S Lyles, the Dewsbury-based yarn spinner and dyer, to a 48 per cent profits leap, from £316,000 to £468.000. in the six months to December despite lower turnover of £8.2 million (£8.6 million). Earnings per share have increased 69 per cent to 4.47p (2.64p). There is an interim dividend of 1.55p

BAA contract

BAA, the airports operator, contract for the design and construction of new international facilities at Glasgow airport to Balfour Beatty. The development includes a pier to take eight wide-bodied aircraft and will increase capacity from 5.5 million aircraft a year to 10 million.

Tamaris talks

Refinancing talks have begun at Tamaris after pre-tax losses of £475,000 in the six months to September 1991. The 1990 loss was £460,000. The dividend on the ordinary and preference shares is passed.

"affordable goods for all the family" has helped it weather the recession better than

The company is no longer looking for a buyer for its home shopping division, and has scotched reports that it plans to seek a listing on the stock market.

Funds are needed to open more high street stores and to expand overseas, but a stronger cash position has made a disposal unnecessary. Talks with Quelle, a German mail order group, were called off at the end of last year.

The Moores family that owns Littlewoods has always resisted the idea of a stock market flotation.

Desmond Pitcher, group chief executive, said menswear and restaurants had been highlights of the year. A 99p breaklast has been pulling in customers, and there are plans for a new range of "Family Kitchen" restau-

Mr Pitcher rejected suggestions that Littlewoods makes money because it is "down-market". "We are a volume retailer in the full sense of the word and provide all necessities for families at prices they can afford." Most Littlewoods stores are in the North of England.

The company plans to expand "aggressively" on the high street where it can find sites at reasonable value, and wants to continue building up its presence abroad.

Two shops were opened in St Petersburg, Russia, in October, and 1991 also brought new outlets in Bangkok and Singapore. Littlewoods opened its first Far Eastern office in Hong Kong in 1988 and opened a branch in Budapest in 1989.

The home shopping division contributed £56 million (£53.5 million) on turnover of £966 million and chain stores added £30.3 million (£29.4 million). Index, a chain of catalogue shops similar to Argos. stays £3.7 million (£6.7 million) in the red, but should break even this year if Christmas sales pick up.

Pools and competitions contributed £19.9 million (£17.3 million). Credit and Data Marketing Services made a loss of £3.9 million. compared with a profit of £1.8 million in 1990.

About 200 new agents have been signed up for the mail order division, which serves more than 8 million customers. Littlewoods uses 2.6 million agents to introduce its products to friends and relatives. Most sales on this front were for clothing as opposed to electrical goods and

furniture. In common with other redifferent Christmas and has seen a mixed start to the year in its retail range. Fair sales in January gave way to a weak February, and volumes in March were well down due to uncertainty before the general election. This month, with the election out of the way. sales appear to be picking up



Credit crunched: Leonard van Geest, chairman of Littlewoods (left), and Desmond Pitcher yesterday

Rank Organisation looks at offers to buy its 22 hotels

BY MARTIN BARROW sale of the London hotels and

provincial chain.

Christie & Co to advise on the

Mr Gifford said: "Persis-

tent approaches with interest-

ing value indicators persuad-

ed us that we should take matters further, although we

envisage that it may take

some little time to sell all of

He added that any transac-

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tions would be expected to

enhance earnings. Rank

shares closed 13p higher at

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Jordan calls on industry to

embrace single-union deals

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BILL Jordan, president of the or work in partnership with lentless spread of high tech

AEEU. Britain's biggest the "new trade unionism", equipment will require the

ain's employers want to make

good in a rapidly changing

Europe, they had better re-

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only they have the answers to

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Mr Jordan made clear that

the AEEU's enthusiasm for

reform is founded on a belief

that trade unions must em-

brace new working practices

enthusiastically in order to

promote company competi-

tiveness as a way of securing

The AEEU, along with oth-

er unions, is party to a deal

with Rover, the carmaker.

under which the company

promised workers a job for

life in exchange for a radical

flexible package of working

engineers and electricians in

industry. Now the AEEU,

bruised by a 10 per cent

slump in membership caused

by job losses during the reces-

sion, intends a membership

drive to recruit in the tradi-

tional territory of the MSF

Mr Jordan said: "The re-

technical union.

conditions.

The London hotels are

THE Rank Organisation. Britain's biggest leisure group, is considering offers Analysts believe the dispos-

als could raise more than £250 million, helping the group to repay a significant tranche of its overall borrowings of almost £1 billion. Michael Gifford, chief ex-

ecutive, said Rank had received "an increasing number of approaches" from potential buyers for its five London hotels, which include the 398-bedroom Royal Garden Hotel, and 17 provincial hotels.

Rank has appointed Salo-mon Brothers to advise on the dition to the Royal Garden

warned employers to "ignore

at their peril" single-union

agreements and new manu-

facturing techniques that are

revolutionising Britain's car

In his opening speech to

the union's engineering sec-

tion conference in East-

bourne yesterday, he said:

*Too many employers are still

failing to realise the nature of

intensifying industrial com-

petition, failing to initiate or

develop a management-un-

ion partnership capable of

real reform in industrial rela-

tions and in the new manu-

Mr Jordan used the occa-

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campaign to secure single-

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manufacturing union, has Mr Jordan said.

Hotel, Rank owns the Athanaeum Hotel, the Gloucester. Royal Lancaster and the White House, the largest with 578 bedrooms.

The provincial chain was acquired as part of the £500 million takeover of Mecca Leisure in August 1990.

At the last year-end, Rank wrote down the value of its hotels by around £35 million to reflect difficult trading conditions and the absence of buyers for British establish-

Rank's UK hotels are estimated to have contributed about £9 million to the company's holidays and hotels

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and with it the restrictive

practice of manual and staff

He also made plain his

union's willingness to con-

front the Trades Union Con-

gress, and other unions, if

He added: "If more of Brit- technician to be swept away,

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SENNAH Rubber, which invests in commodities in Asia and Africa, has become the first company traded on the new Stock Exchange bulletin

A batch of 3,500 shares

Sennah is as little reported in the press as it is traded on the Stock Exchange. Based at Thame in Oxfordshire, it invests in rubber and oil paim in Malaysia and Indonesia and coffee piantations in Kenya as well as banking ser-

vices in Switzerland. It has 600,000 f1 shures.
Yesterday's calal was struck at 780p seil. 783.5p buy, a rise of 80p over the last deal done on August o. A year ago,

The opening of the bulletin board is a move to improve the liquidity of little traded shares, from Abbey Panel to York Water, by supplying more information on them. Of the 94 shares and wartraded once during the past 12 months. The best known

The TUC will also be told tightly held. that our claims for recogni-The service is distinct from tion will follow wherever we establish membership," he "We will not acknowledge boundaries on our areas of recruitment while the general

Sennah shares SE first

By Rodney Hobson

were dealt between Smith New Court and Sheppard. At £27,000, that was double the turnover of Sennah shares for the whole of the previous 12 months.

the shares were 500p.

name is Savoy Hotel, whose 1.3 million B shares are

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The bank has also signed a marketing alliance with American International Insurance, one of the largest life assurance groups in the Far East. The bank has agreed to market AII's life assurance to its 3.1 million retail custom-

vices to its policyholders. The project began in Hong

and a sales force of 12,000. Rodney Galpin, Standard's chairman, is keen on joint ventures with foreign banks that want to use Standard's network. The bank is also reviewing its co-operation agreement with WestLB of Germany to see if it can win more business from continen-

Standard plans to invest \$25 million in Vietnam this Chi Minh City, formerly Saialso planning to open a representative office in Hanoi. The operations will be complemented by the office Standard opened in Phnom Penh.

Standard reopened its oflice in Ho Chi Minn City two years ago after a 15-year ahsence after the war. At first it was staffed by just one official, John Brinsgen, Dunne that time he has steadily in-

Standard signs Japanese banks co-operation pact

FROM NEIL BENNETT IN SINGAPORE

international banking group has signed co-exertation agreements with two Japanese banks and an aniance with an Asian life assurance company to expand its customer base.

These agreements follow Standard Chartered's co-operation agreement with First Interstate, the Californian bank, which it hopes to use to market its trade finance and foreign exchange business to American companies.

This rush of joint ventures is part of Standard's drive to exploit its global network. which the bank believes is its greatest asset. Standard has almost 750 offices in 50 countries, and has one of the largest networks of any bank. in the Asia-Pacific region.

Standard has signed agreements with Hachjuni Bank and Chukyo Bank, two of Japan's larger regional banks. Standard will offer trade finance and foreign exchange services to both banks' corpotate customers, many of whom are expanding around

ers in the Asia Pacific region while the life assurer will sen Standard's credit card ser-

Kong last year and will be launched in Singapore in June, with Malaysia scheduled for the end of this year. The two organisations estimate they have a combined customer base of 5 million,

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year to expand its recently opened operations. The bank has applied to upgrade its representative office in Hogon, to a full branch, and is Cambodia, last month.

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STANDARD Chartered, the - timance and confirming business for the few foreign firms willing to do business there.

If the Vietamese government grants Standard a full licence. Mr Brinsden hopes to expand the staff to 20, metading his assistant who is a professor at one of the counity s two banking universities.

Standard first opened an office in Vietnam in 1905 to complement its Asia Pacific region operations. The bank's renewed interest in Indochina comes at a time when many economists are predicting a bright e anomic fourte for Vietnam, and Taiwanese companies are beginning to invest heavily in the country's

But Vietnam's growth is being hindered by America's continued trade embargo with the country and its veto on aid from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. Mr Brinsden hopes the embargo could be lifted within a year and the veto removed six months later.

The Vietnamese government has signalled to the West and its neighbours it needs help to develop its economy Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior minister, is currently visiting Vietnam and is planning to sign an cconomic, trade and scientific agreement.

Operation Breakout, page 19

Siemens heads for its target

By WOLFGANG MCNCHAU SIEMENS, the German elec-

tronics group, is heading lowards its much-vaunted sales target of DM80 billion this ear, as the consolidation of its east German subsidiaries and the massive government spending on eastern German telecommunication and infrastructure are finally liadoaing into hard figures.

During the six-month per-tod to March 1. Siemens raised net profits from DM793 million to DM859 million with incoming orders up from DM41.4 billion to DM42.6 billion. The rise in profit was marginally higher than expected by financial markets, and underlines the communed strength of the Gennan economy. The company said the re-

suits reflect an increase in business towards the end of the second quarter of the

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G7 to step up world growth drive inflation, curbing excessive

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH

FINANCE ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Seven leading economies have agreed to intensify co-operative efforts to increase world growth, but appear to be relying on Japan for the biggest boost.

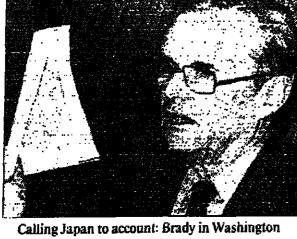
A communique late on Sunday after an extended ten-hour session in Washington expressed concern that aggregate growth in the G7 countries would be inadequate to reduce unemployment, even though more signs of recovery had emerged in some countries.

In a reference clearly aimed at Japan, which continues to run big budget and current account surpluses, the communique called for policy makers to be "mindful of the possibilities of strengthening domestic demand through appropriate measures".

Nicholas Brady, the US treasury secretary, plans to open talks with the Japanese on steps they might take: America has been pressing Japan to cut interest rates and introduce new fiscal mea-

sures to stimulate its slowing

domestic economy, Japan



was also singled out over the weakness of the yen since the G7 last met in January. Then it was agreed a stronger Japanese currency would help reduce the persistent imbalance in Japan's foreign trade. The G7 agreed to continue close co-operation in the foreign exchange markets that could contribute towards world eco-

nomic recovery. Before the meeting, the Americans also had acrimonious exchanges with Germany over the Bundesbank's tight monetary policy and

Bonn's ballooning budget deficit. But a German campaign to secure their unique post-unification situation appears to have paid cif. No demand for monetary easing in Germany is contained in the document. Indeed, it endorses the German aims of more medium-term growth and the nursuit of sustained non-inllationary growth.

seen to be inhibiting global

investment and growth. But

the communique simply says

that satisfactory progress on

High real interest rates are

wage pressures and progress in consolidating fiscal positions would "create the basis for lower interest rates". Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, had earlier ruled out any early

German easing, arguing that recent German money supply growth allowed him no scope. On fiscal deficits, American criticism of Germany was translated into twin recommendations that highlighted America's structural budget deficit as well as Germany's unification-prompted difficulty. All countries with large fiscal deficits were called on to reduce them with credible medium-term policies.

Much of the American criticism was undermined by last week's first quarter data. showing German growth of more than I per cent, despite German key lending rates peing at a post-war high. Ahead of the G7 meeting

the International Monetary Fund forecast 1.4 per cent world growth this year after a small decline in 1991. But uncertainty over the strength of the recovery persists following a sharp downward revision by the IMF since its last forecast for 1992, in October.

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Blenheim Group's healthy picture at an exhibition

BLENHEIM Group has managed to exhibit another bumper set of profits despite the depressed conditions hanging over much

of the advertising industry. in the six months to end-February, pre-tax profits at the world's leading exhibi-tion organiser rose 51.1 per cent to £27.8 million, and turnover 45.1 per cent to E103 million. Blenheim, chaired by Neville Buch, has benefited from organic growth and past acquisitions. A strong over-seas presence in the resilient world of exhibitions is paying dividends, with 80 per cent of profits outside Britain.

More than 52 per cent of turnover was in France, 19 per cent in America and 18.8 per cent in Britain. The figures were boosted by the biennial Paris Batimat construction industry ex-hibition, which made £4.5 million profit and £14 million turnover. Visitor attendances at the group's exhibitions, a good indicator of prospects, have grown 8.2 per cent so far since January on like-for-like basis, while 83.8 per cent of projected revenue for 16 months to this December have been realised or

Earnings. adjusted for last year's capitalisation issue, rose 29.9 per cent to 20.5p. The interim dividend is 2.7p, up 15.7 per cent, with 7.4 times cover. Net borrowings were £41 million, with interest cover of 10.6 times and gearing at 17 per cent. The shares. which came to the USM in October 1986 at 32p, continued to advance, passing the £5 level for the first time, up 33 p at 508 p.

£47 million pre-tax profits in the 16 months to December, after the change of year end to give a more even split to profits, giving earnings of 34.8p. Profits for the year are forecast at £35 million. giving earnings of 26p. This puts the shares on prospec-tive earnings of 19.5 times, market but still below the likes of Reed and Pearson. The meteoric rise in the share price will have to be matched by continued earnings and dividend growth if it is to continue. Fairly

Analysts are looking for



Bolstered from abroad: Neville Buch, chairman of the Blenheim Group

ASSOCIATED British Foods was sitting with £350 million of net cash at the interim reporting date of March 14 — equivalent to 78p net cash a share, and enough to pay for a quality loaf of sliced white, with a few pennies change. If only ABF shareholders

would buy more sliced bread, how much happier they and their company could be. Tougher trading conditions and increased price competition hurt ABF's bakery operations in the six months to March 14.

and analysts have, yet again downgraded year-end profit expectations. contribution of £74.5 mil-

lion from British Sugar (£33.2 million for a previous 12-week period) trading profits advance from £122 million to £160.4

million to £36.6 million, which left pre-tax profits for the half year at £175.2 million compared with £185.1 million. In the previous half year. ABF secured returns of 16.5 per cent. In the latest half

reflecting a reduced cash

pile and generally lower rates — fell from £84.4

year, returns of only 10.5 per cent were possible.

Margins were also squeezed within ABF's retail

companies, with sales 9 per cent higher at £559 million but profits only slightly bet-ter at £25 million. Garry Weston, chairman, says ABF has retained market share and that there hould be no further profits deterioration. But, at best,

profits in the second half might only match last year's second half, indicating year-end pre-tax profits of £320 million (£332.4 million). Meanwhile, the 21 cent stake in Berisford International, for which

ABF once paid 100p a share, has been written down by another 12p to 18p, which accounts for a £10.6 million extraordinary

prospective earnings, remains a defensive share to hold, but is not one with much short-term shine.

ABF at 427p, on 9.1 times

Moss Bros

DRESSING up for special occasions is one little luxury that seems to have been relatively unaffected by the recession. The number of hirings recorded by Moss Bros in 1991 was almost unchanged on previous years, one factor among many that added up to a much better than expected year's trading for the fam-ous 140-year-old outfitter.

Analysts had been bracing themselves for only £800,000 of pre-tax profits for the year to January 25 after a 90 per cent profits collapse at the half-way stage. In fact, the full year figure was £1.3 million. compared with £2.4 million

for the previous year.

That the damage was almost entirely the result of higher rental and rate costs is a tribute to the action taken to reduce costs. The gross margin was up slightly at 47 per cent on reduced turnover. However, rent re-

crease in uniform business rate payments took their toll. More than half the company's operating costs are represented by the expense of occupying its

shops.
Moss Bros is still guard-ing the £8.4 million left from the £23 million sale of its Covent Garden store three years ago. Interest income was £720,000 last year, contributing more to the bottom line than the operating surplus. Rowland Gee, managing director, believes the menswear market is one of the later beneficiaries of an upturn and has no im-mediate intention of blowing his safety cushion on a big acquisition.

Nevertheless, analysts ex-pect the company will receive some assistance from the underlying economy in the current year and are forecasting profits of about £1.8 million, with perhaps a small increase in the dividend. That would give earnings of about 7p. putting the shares on a forward multiple of 17, a small discount to the sector. The shares are fairly valued but very difficult to get hold of.

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chairman, widely tipped to be contemplating a pid. Tarmac is showing every ugn of gearing up for its deserve It has re-employed GJW, the government relations firm used to help gain the construction group pan of the Channe. work alongside Turmac's long-standing PR learn, led by Peter Belchamber, of Coliege Hill Association It has along ege Hill Associates It has also taken on its first full-time investor relations man in the shape of Tony Williams, 35. hitheno building industry analyst at Morgan Stanley, Williams, who will also be responsible for corporate planning, admits that he has long rated Tarmac no more than a "hold" and says part of his job will be overcoming poor City perceptions of the company. He accepts, however, that his first task could well be defending the company against a hostile predaior il can't pretend I'm not going in with my eyes open." he says, adding that if there is to be a bid he would prefer it to be after May 5, the day he officially starts at Tarmac.

I'd rather they waited till I got there, so I have a little time to find my feet.

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Associated British Foods

Half-year Progress Report

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The Chairman, Mr. GARRY WESTON, reports:

The profit before tax for the group is lower by £9.9 million or 5 per cent at £175.2 million, when compared with the similar period last year. After providing for taxation and minority interests, the profit attributable to the company is £115.7 million.

Worldwide sales increased by 17 per cent to £2,064,1 million.

These results include a full six months contribution from British Sugar, with trading profits of £74.5 million and sales of £370 million, as against the year ago amounts of £33.2 million and £170 million which covered a period of some twelve weeks.

The most significant factor affecting the decrease in profits was the change in group investment income, net of interest payable. At £14.8 million this compares with the year ago figure of £63.1 million. This reduction is attributable to the full six month effect of financing the British Sugar acquisition, combined with the decrease in the general level of investment returns. The year ago amount had also benefited by the substantial above average returns achieved during that period. This year currency re-alignment had little effect on results, with the Australian dollar at 2.27 to the pound.

In the United Kingdom and Europe. sales increased by 19 per cent to £1,844 million and trading surplus by 37 per cent to £141.8 million. These increases include the full half-year effect of the British Sugar acquisition. The manufacturing divisions, excluding British Sugar, increased sales by 6 per cent to £915 million, but profits were £3.4 million lower at £42.3 million. This reduction follows the continuing pressure on margins and customer discounts in our bakery operations. The other manufacturing divisions produced satisfactory results. Closure and redundancy costs net of property sales were little changed from a year ago.

Our retail companies, whilst maintaining market share, suffered from a slight reduction in operating margins resulting from the competitive market pressures and slow growth in general retail activity. Sales increased

by 9 per cent to £559 million whilst profits at £25 million were only slightly ahead of the pre vious year's record figures.

Our companies operating in Australia and New Zealand were adversely affected by poor trading conditions in their respective economies. George Weston's sales increased by 6 per cent to £210 million but the effect of wheat price increases and bread price controls in Queensland restricted the profit to £17.5 million, an increase of 2 per cent.

Our North American operations showed little movement from a year ago, with sales of £10 million producing a profit of £1.1

The charge to extraordinary items of £10.6 million represents a further write down of our investment in Berisford International.

The results for the half-year partly reflect lower rates of inflation and rates of interest as well as a lack of buoyancy in the economy and depressed trading conditions. While we do not anticipate any further significant deterioration in the position, neither do we yet see evidence of an immediate improve ment. In the absence of a material uplift in the economies of the countries in which we operate, we anticipate that the second half of the year will, at best, match the comparative

At a Board Meeting today the directors declared a first interim dividend of 8.5p per share (1991 - 8.5p) which, together with the associated tax credit, is equivalent to 11.3p per share (1991 - 11.3p). This interim dividend will be paid on 1 September 1992 to shareholders on the register at the close of business

As stated in our 1991 Report and Accounts, the relative sizes of the March and September dividends are to be gradually adjusted to reflect the fact that the September payment is based on the half-year's results. Consequently, this year the total increase for the year will be included in the dividend payable in March 1993. The 21.6 per cent increase in the March 1992 dividend included an element in advance of the dividend declared today.

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Dealers wait for big bid to put pep back into price of shares

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TALK of another important bid emerging any day re-mained top of the agenda in the equity market, as the new two-week trading account got off to a strong start.

The speculators claim that the behaviour of the market indicates that a bid is being put together behind the scenes that might succeed in putting some pep back into share prices.

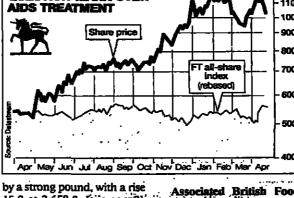
Investors do not have to look far to discover the identities of the most likely targets. land, where the prospect of a possible counter-bid from Lloyds continues to loom e. The price advanced by to 381p, as more than 8 million shares changed hands amid claims that Lloyds Bank will offer a mixture of cash and shares up to the value of 450p. Midland has agreed a £3.1 billion offer from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, but some fund managers have expressed dissatisfaction with the all-paper terms. Lloyds was also traded heavily, with 4.1 million traded as the price

firmed 3p to 427p.
Also on the speculators' hitlits is Tarmac, the building products group, where the price eased 1p to 156p as the shares went ex the dividend. Word is an offer of about 180p a share might be around the corner, valuing the group at more than El billion. Possible suitors are reckoned to include Hanson. lp firmer at 235 p, and

Minorco, the Luxembourg natural resources group. market chain, has also been seen in the past as a possible takeover target. But its shares were on the slide, losing 1 12 p at 27½ p, as a recent profit downgrading from Warburg Securities, the broker, began to hurt sentiment. TI Group, which is current-

bidding £580 million for Dowty, rose 13p to 682p as Standard & Poor's re-affirmed its recent A-1 rating of the group's short-term debt. Dowty reacted to the rise in the TI price with a gain of 3p to 180p.

The rest of the equity market spent a roller-coaster day as the new account started. But the FT-SE 100 index ended below its best, helped



by a strong pound, with a rise
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rounts below its all-time high
ing a drop in pre-tax profits at itable performance by the market in the face of a long list of companies in ex-dividend form, equivalent to a 4.5 fall in the index. Turnover was 518 million shares but dealers said the equity market seems to have lost direction after its initial bout of postelection euphoria.

Government securities enoyed gains of about £2 at the longer end on the back of

Next, the fashion retailer, was nudging towards its high of the year, with a rise of 3 2p to 83 2p. Eleven million shares changed hands as a line of stock, thought to be about 4 million shares, was cleared Gartmore Investment Management has increased its stake to 3.18 per cent.

overseas support and a firmer pound. Brokers are expecting a favourable response to this week's £2.5 billion auction. ICI rose 9p to £11.73, ahead of interim figures on Thursday. BP, reporting next

month, jumped 9p to 256p.

British Aerospace contin ued to strengthen its board with the appointment of Richard Lapthorne as finance director. Mr Lap-thorne joins from Courtailds, where he has been finance director for the past five years. The shares responded to the news with a rise of 10p to 355p, while Courtaulds fell

5p to 600p. Organisation Rank jumped 13p to 739p, after announcing it is considering the disposal of 22 hotels, induding five in London

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the half-way stage of £10.1 million to £175.2 million.

There were early signs of bottoming out in the pharmaceutical sector after last week's heavy selling that accompanied fears on the other side of the Atlantic of a possible enquiry into drug pric-ing. Ghazo, which last week fell 67p, improved 4p to 725p. There were also gains for Medeva, 11p to 240p, Macarthy Pharmaceuticals, 5p to 366p, UniChem, 4p to 225p, while SmithKline Beecham 'A' hardened llp to 838p and Fisons 12p to 368p, despite both going ex-

The only company failing to make any headway was Wellcome, down 22p at £10.10, in the wake of reports over the weekend that not all cases of full-blown Aids were were developed from the HIV virus. This has led to suggestions that Wellcome's anti-Aids treatment, Retrovir, may not be suitable for treating all Aids sufferers. Retrovir does not cure Aids, but is designed to slow-down the spread of the disease. Last year, approval was given to administer the drug to patients with HIV otoms only.

But Wellcome says it has been known for sometime that not all Aids patients con-tracted symptoms of HIV first. Until last week, Retrovir was the only officially approved treatment for combating Aids.
United Biscuits fell 7p to

422p as Hoare Govett, the recommended broker. switching into Cadbury Schweppes, 5p better at 463p. Hoare took its decision after downgrading UB's pretax profits for the current year by £8 million to £222 million and for next time round by E10 million to £245 million. Elsewhere among the

banks, Barclays rose 4p to 359p, ahead of Thursday's annual meeting at which Sir John Quinton, the chairman, is expected to announce his resignation. National Westminster also firmed lp to 336p in front of its annual meeting. Eurotunnel remained weak, losing 14p at 354p, after last week's news that it was in technical breach of its loan covenants.

NMC, the paper and packaging group, which last year made an unsuccessful offer for Allied Packaging, surged 21p to 59p, after confirming plans to float-off its North American operation, Universal Packaging Corporation.
MICHAEL CLARK

Investors stay cautious ahead of economic data

WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips re-bounded from session lows but remained weaker in subdued late morning activity, hurt by computer sell programs, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.94 points at

The analysts attributed a lack of genuine interest to caution ahead of a series of economic statistics due this week. They also said the market's recent volatility had intimidated some investors. □ Tokyo — Stocks ended

moderately lower after a day of quiet, futures-led trade. The Nikkei average closed down 91.93 points, or 0.52 per cent, at 17,450.52.

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trading day. The Hang Seng Index jumped 41.60 points to close at 5,371.77.

☐ Singapore — Blue chip buying pushed up a key index but the trend was mixed in the broader market. The Straits Times industrial index rose 4.75 points to 1,413.11.

□ Sydney — Stocks closed lower as investors took profits after last week's strong run and ahead of Wednesday's release of key economic data.
The All-Ordinaries index fell 6.7 points to 1602.9.

☐ Frankfurt The Dax index stabilised in the course of Monday's session after an early dip on worries about strikes in the public sector. The Dax index fell 3.48 points to-1,742.22. (Reuter)

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ped into place yesterday with Richard Lapthorne. a new finance director from Courtaulds, to take his place alongside John Cahill, the chairman designate, Dick Evans, the chief executive and George Simpson, the Rover boss who also has the role of deputy chief executive. Despite pressing commitments elsewhere. Sir Graham Day, Rover's temporary chairman, has completed the daunting task of finding men to fill two of the most challenging roles in British industry exactly as promised in time for Thursday's annual meeting. The new team has much to do both in terms of reshaping existing businesses and plotting a course for the disposal of those parts of the group that cannot comfortably remain in the long term. Principally these are Rover and Arlington, the

otential from BAe's extensive property assets. in Arlington has been costly and can better be supplied via joint ventures. Like Rolls-Royce, Rover will be hugely cash-hungry in a model development phase and badly needs a bigger, richer partner than BAe. Restructuring and elimination of loss-makers can take BAe's profits well beyond £300 million in a few years. Patient shareholders will be rewarded.

COMMENT

A seachange for ERM's anchor

istorical parallels should never be pushed too far, but Germany's season of industrial unrest could eventually bear comparison with the winter of discontent in Britain. Additional unions are announcing new strikes almost daily. Even the 5 per cent pay norm the government is determined to defend is exactly the same figure that took Denis Healey and James Callaghan to the stake in 1979. Above all, the whole tragicomedy is being played out against a background of nearuniversal political dissastisfaction that often follows a period of rapid economic expansion - and sometimes precedes a seachange in a nation's political and economic affairs.

The general assumption in the markets is that the greater the instability in Germany, the longer interest rates will stay up, and the worse will be the prospects for the rest of Europe. But this does not neces-

Sooner or later, the mark could be seriously weakened by political instability. Even high German interest rates may start to look like a mixed blessing for the mark when investors start to calculate the impact of the Bundesbank's monetary squeeze on the east German industrial subsidies and the federal government's debt servicing costs.

At some point, the markets may decide that there is only one way out of Germany's present corner. The government may have to break its 5 per cent pay norm. The Bundesbank may have to tolerate higher inflation. The mark may have to start depreciating, instead of rising, as German industry becomes internationally uncompetitive. And the markets may have to recognise that the French franc and the pound have as much right to be treated as Europe's anchor currencies as the mark.

Team complete

rivate investors who ditched their British Aerospace holdings during the dark days of last year's botched rights issue may now begin to regret it. Up 10p to 355p yesterday and looking firm for some time, the shares are within is lots of scope for recovery ahead.

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Operation Breakout helps turn Standard Chartered around

The international bank must prove the analysts wrong by carving out an independent future

for itself, says

our Banking Correspondent

f you visit Aldermanbury Square in the City over the coming weeks and stand quietby for a few moments, you might hear a faint thudding noise. It is the sound of the directors of Standard Chartered, the international banking group, banging their heads together debating the future of their bank. Standard lies at a crossroads. Tough management in the past three years has hauled it from the brink of disaster. City analysts agree that Standard, unlike the British banks, is past the worst, and profits are recovering. The same analysis, however, cannot see how the bank can develop its operations. Standard must prove them wrong and carve out an independent future.

Until recently, Standard was a quaint relic of Britain's colonial history. The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and the Standard Bank of Africa were founded in the early 19th century to service the financial needs of a growing empire. The two banks merged in 1969, but continued to rely on an annual intake of British graduates, who were sent round the world as they worked their way up a rigid management hierarchy. Local employees were kept in their place, and mixed marriages were discouraged. By the early eighties, Standard was desperately outdated and outpaced by international rivals. In 1986, it fought off a bid from Lloyds, but then found its survival threatened by a massive Third World debt portfolio. The Bank of England sent Rodney Galpin, one of its directors, to cope with the emergency. Mr Galpin has spent three-and-a-

half years transforming the bank. He appointed a team of hard-nosed managers to replace the Standard's traditional tai-pans. His first priority was to steer Standard Chartered through a series of painful disposals to pay for Third World debt provisions. The bank's plush head office in the City was an early casualty. along with a tower block in Singa-pore. The manager's house in Thailand was sold for £50 million, while the European operations and a 50 per cent stake in the merchant banking subsidiary were bought by West-Deutsche Landesbank. Before the ink dried on the contracts, however, Standard was facing a more potent threat from the quality of its loan book in Britain, America and Australia. Standard had plunged into the corporate lending market in the developed world in the late eighties. and attracted names such as Polly Peck and Brent Walker.

Malcolm Williamson, who was brought in from Girobank to head the Asia Pacific region in 1989, was



one of the first to understand the threat. His persistent warnings won him promotion to director of worldwide banking and the task of cleaning out the loan portfolio. "There was a potential problem that was not being addressed," he said. His appointment coincided with the start of the recession that prompted the collapse of many of Standard's largest corporate borrowers.

Mr Williamson spent thousands of hours saving Brent Walker from collapse. Last year, he was rewarded with another promotion, to group managing director. Bad debt provisions in Britain, America and Australia last year reached £147 million. including more than £70 million to Brent Walker. The three regions recorded losses of £55.8 million, wiping out more than a quarter of the profits from the main Asia-Pacific region. The bank has re-sponded by slicing back its coporate loan book in the three regions. Assets fell by a tenth in Australia last year, and marked time in Britain. while growing strongly in the suc-cessful Asia-Pacific region. Mr Galpin says the problem is now under control.

"We set ourselves credit grading targets two years ago, and our credit risk has been getting better for the last three quarters." Mr Williamson agrees: "The size of the problem

loan book has peaked. We should be more bomb proof than we ever have been, but I cannot be certain that we won't get the odd slap in the face."
The fall in bad debt provisions is expected by City analysts to boost profits this year by more than a quarter to £260 million, while earnings will rise even faster, due to accrued tax losses and a fall in unre-

lieved advance corporation tax.

hile Mr Williamson and his team were tackling the bad debts, or, as he puts it. "wading through the swamp", Standard was implementing a far-reaching management reorganisation, codenamed Operation Breakout. The aim has been to introduce an entrepreneurial spirit into the bank's management hierarchy. "In the past, Standard Chartered Hong Kong thought Standard Chartered Singapore was its greatest enemy, not the Hongkong and Shanghai. We have dismantled the federal structure that caused that," Mr Williamson said. "Moving the bank around is a difficult task, like turning a tanker, but we are gaining momentum now and that will impact on our profitability."

The reorganisation is being coupled with a drive to encourage local management. Most of Standard's

bank. Standard is taking over 20 offices in 15 countries in Asia Pacific and Latin America and assets of £600 million at book value. The deal is a psychological boost for Standard. For the first time in almost a decade, the bank is advancing.

said Mr Galpin. The bank is looking

at ways to exploit this global fran-

chise fully. One move is the acquisi-

tion of the international business of

First Interstate, the Californian

tandard hopes to sell trade finance services to Inter-state's long list of corporate customers. Standard is also reviewing its co-operation agree-ment with WestLB, which it hopes will give it more access to European companies. "There are many examples in history of co-operation agreements which have not worked. But that does not mean they are not possible," said Mr Galpin.

The network, however, is becoming lopsided. Businesses in Australia. America, and Britain might take years to recover fully. The African operations are performing well, but economic and currency difficulties prevent the advance making any significant impact on profits. Similarly. India and the Middle East are little more than promising side-shows. This leaves the Asia Pacific region, which provides more than 90 per cent of the profits from less than half the bank's assets. Mr Williamson admits the position is not ideal. "We are a pear-shaped bank where the pear is growing larger. It is not unreasonable to say that at some point we could redress the situation." A solution would be an acquisition in Britain, which would also solve any ACT problems. or continental Europe.

Mr Williamson and the other directors are holding what he calls 'a drains-up review of strategy" to consider all these issues. Mr Galpin, however, will not commit himself to any particular course. "Any bank needs to start with flexibility, so it can react to opportunities as they arise," he said. Behind all these plans, however, lies the threat of a bid. Standard barely escaped from Lloyds six years ago. Standard would be an ideal acquisition for any bank that wanted a ready-made international network. Mr Galpin, however, knows he has no time to fret about the possibility. "It is important that we can show we can run a profitable business and, if the time ever came, we would get a better deal for our shareholders.

Mr Williamson feels that the main threat might have passed. "I thought we were at our most vulnerable last year, when we had turned the corner but it was not reflected in our share price. Most banks were were not in the market for an acquisition." Standard has a long haul ahead to recover from the mauling it suffered in the eighties. The bank's dividend still languishes 40 per cent below its 1989 level. There are signs that Mr Galpin and his colleagues have revitalised the bank against the odds. Now they must prove it was

> **NEIL BENNETT** Singapore

THE TIMES



CITY DIARY

Tarmac shapes up for battle

WITH Julian Ogilvie Thompson, the Minorco chairman, widely tipped to be contemplating a bid, Tarmac is showing every sign of gear-ing up for its defence. It has re-employed GJW, the government relations firm used to help gain the construction group part of the Channel tunnel contract. GJW will work alongside Tarmac's long-standing PR team, led by Peter Belchamber, of College Hill Associates. It has also taken on its first full-time investor relations man in the shape of Tony Williams, 35, hitherto building industry analyst at Morgan Stanley. Williams, who will also be responsible for corporate planning, admits that he has long rated Tarmac no more than a "hold" and says part of his job will be overcoming poor City perceptions of the company. He accepts, however, that his first task could well be defending the company against a hostile predator. "I can't pretend I'm not going in with my eyes open." he says, adding that if there is to be a bid he would prefer it to be after May 5, the day he officially starts at Tarmac. "I'd rather they waited till I got there, so I have a little time to find my feet."

Worlds unite

THEIR eyes first met across a crowded bar . . . in El Vino's, Fleet Street ... and at the weekend they finally tied the legal knot, uniting the worlds of financial journalism and financial public relations in matrimonial harmony. The journalist was Margaret



Stone, of the Daily Mail. who, throughout the 1970s worked for The Times, and the PR man Mike Lomax. managing director of First Financial. In attendance at Marylebone Register Office was Stone's daughter, Amy Rennison, who is clearly set to follow in her mother's footsteps. Rennison has just been made editor of Cherwell, the Oxford University student

Women's network FRESH from helping Lady Tryon organise debutantes for the Berkeley Dress Show. fund-raiser Stephanie Lynn, 53, is this week launching what promises to be the most glamorous women's networking group yet. As well as Dale Tryon, who designs clothes under the Kanga label, the London Businesswomen's Network will count among its founder members Susan George, the actress, Countess Grocholska, of Chatto PR consultancy, and Anna Hunter, the fine art publisher who publishes the Prince of Wales's lithographs. One

might think that Lynn, who says she "began networking in Langan's brasserie", had linle need of a formal club. She, however, disagrees, "It's easy when you get into it, but so many women don't get out and meet people." LBN will differ from other groups in that it will have a permanent base at the the Royal Lancaster Hotel overlooking Hyde Park, where members can meet and enjoy facilities similar to those offered by men's clubs. Charging £75 a year. Lynn expects to sign up 200 members within the first

Low blow SBJ Regis Low, the Lloyd's

broker that has won the Queen's Award for Export, has, it now transpires, just lost a big American contract and is in the throes of making up to ten of its 120 employees redundant. As a result of an anonymous telephone call to The Times, George Boden, managing director of Steel Burrill Jones — which paid £30 million for Regis Low in December - admits that the American facility was worth about 10 per cent of the subsidiary's business. He denies, however, that the contract was one of the main reasons for the high price his company paid. "We bought Regis Low knowing that you can win and lose business all the time," says brave-faced Bowden. "We do a huge amount of business. The likelihood is that at the end of the year you won't still have all the contracts that you started off with originally." No one can now argue with that.

Unfair price of proving innocence

From Mr Maurice Leo Sir, I note with interest Mr Mackie's letter (Business letters. April 9) referring to Tax Assessments made by HM Inspector of Taxes.

I have also been an unfortunate victim of the present system, whereby an assessment is made grossly in excess of any sum due.

Although I retired and closed my business in 1990. I have recently received an assessment for 1991 based on a sum of £50,000 net profit before tax. This demand has been made in spite of the fact that the revenue was advised of the termination two years ago. The figure of £50,000

Question of tax

From Mrs Frances Savin Sir, The question of taxation of single and dual-earning married couples is not as simple as Janet Vaughan-Jones (Business Letters, April 14) suggests.

couple with children is taxed the same as a single person; Child Benefit (which has fallen in real terms) is the only difference. The majority of women who remain in the home do so to bring up their children or to care for sick or elderly relatives and not merely to contribute to the lifestyle of the breadwinner.

recognition.

An adjustment should be made to the present system. It can be done by the German method of dividing the fam-CAROL LEONARD | ily's income in two, so as to

bears no relation to average profits when the company

to become involved in considerable expense in order to prove one's innocence?

ers' Chaner, the Inland Revenue is expected to collect the right amount of tax in a fair. helpful, efficient, and accountable way, and not squeeze every last penny out of the taxpayer. Yours sincerely, MAURICE LEO,

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If Ms Beers can engineer

the happy co-existence of Procter & Gamble and

Unilever in one advertising

agency, then she must surely

be able to walk on water too.

123 Bishop's Mansions,

Bishop's Park Road, SW6.

And pigs will take to the air.

Yours faithfully.

STUART SMITH.

correspondent sets her.

in the Green Paper of 1986.

7 Grenfell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Yours faithfully,

(Treasurer).

FRANCES SAVIN

use two tax allowances, or by allowing the transfer of the

Full-Time Mothers. A single-earning married 3 Wakelin Chase, Ingatestone, Essex. Striking a chord From Mr Stuart Smith Sir. Philip Robinson invests Charlotte Beers (April 22) with many credible qualities. most of which will strike a ready chord with her new boss at WPP, Martin Sorrell. However, even Ms Beers

The Conservative manifesto states: "We believe that mothers should be treated equally by government whether they work outside the home or not." Let us hope that these sentiments may lead to some financial

From Mr R. T. Arguile Sir, I agree with Ross Tieman was trading before the that the ultimate privatisarecession. Why should it be necessary

tion of the coal industry is likely to be the tricklest as the market for coal shrinks. On November 15, 1988, in a letter of mine you headed "The future of Coal's 'Jewel'" Under the present Taxpay-

which dealt then with possible privatisation. I drew attention to the difficulties the parliamentary draughtsmen will have in dealing with the very successful opencast side which is already 90 per cent privatised. The Opencast Executive's control ensures competitive tendering by its contractors and that all prof-

> is exploited. Ross Tieman's article had graphs showing that whilst deep mine coal had fallen in production costs per tonne from £60 to £40 in the last five years, opencasi coal had likewise had a fall in costs per tonne from £36 to £30. That is, it is still £19 per tonne

itable workable opencast coal

cheaper than deep mined. The article also stated that

from 534 million tonnes of coal (or averaged over 49 years £6.14 per tonne) and further profits will be added this year. Rothschild's report states that "the opencast op-erations, which are profitable, can match world market prices, should be retained to underpin the deep-mines which have higher costs". Yet the Labour Party has never rescinded a NUM mo-

offices are now run by local employ-

ees, and some female executives

from the Asia Pacific region are on

course for the boardroom by the end

In answer to the criticism that

Standard has nowhere to go, Mr

Williamson claims there is still a

large amount of asset reorgani-

sation to be done. "Redistribution

will produce infinitely better mar-

gins than the ones we have now and

improve profitability. In retailing,

you can have fast turnover and low

margins or slow turnover and high

magins. In that case, banks must be

mad because they lend medium

term on cheap margins." This view

means that Standard's lending in

the developed world will be minimal

in future. Instead, the bank will

concentrate on niche, low-risk busi-

nesses such as trade finance and

foreign exchange to which its global

network is ideally suited. The bank

will only participate in full service

mands high market share, includ-

ing Hong Kong, Singapore, Africa

Standard's international network,

stretching across more than 50

countries, is undoubtedly its greatest

asset. "No one else could create the

network we have. You would never

get the permission from the authori-ties to open in all these countries,"

and India.

BUSINESS LETTERS

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Privatising the coal industry in a shrinking market

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wrote in 1988, the OE's per-

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seen profits now totalling, since 1942, £3,277 million

of the decade.

tion passed at its annual conference in October 1983 to run down opencast coal mining. Furthermore, for the recent election, it stated in a published statement that alongside the threats from the dash for gas and relying on coal imports, the Tories want to see deep-mine coal

displaced by opencasting. They have increased tenfold the maximum size of private opencast mines. They have weakened local authorities planning controls over opencasting. They have declared that they see opencasting as a flexible means of increasing coal output'."

No wonder they lost the election. Opencast complements deep-mines and can never supplant them. Before local authorities took over the planning function, authorisation under the Opencast Coal Act 1958 lay with central government and only 2 per cent of site applications failed. Now about 30 per cent do such that the number of sites in production is falling off and thereby the annual profit, (made every year since 1953), is reduced and the industry suffers. Its overall performance over the years has kept many a marginal pit open.

Yours sincerely. R. T. ARGUÍLE. 12 Edward Road, Market Harborough, Leics.

Paid accordingly From Mr R. S. Fraser

Sir, As Dr Gillibrand says (April 24), the widespread use of three-year contracts can allow compensation to be paid which may or may not be reasonable in the circumstances, and shareholders rarely know the details until it is too late to change anything.

There is one very simple way of ensuring that "golden handshakes" are considered reasonable by the owners of the business. It needs a change in the Companies Act to say that no compensation should be paid to a former director greater than his net pay would have been if employment had continued, un-

til the next agm, when any proposal to pay any more would be voted on. Yours faithfully.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

R. S. FRASER.

Training thought From Mr Alan Bartlett Sir, There is another aspect to Robert Bruce's strictures over

inadequate disclosure of financial information by companies (April 28). With the conduct of British

business dominated by accountants, bankers and financial analysts, what is not accorded due importance by accounting requirements is liable to be marginalised. Thus expenditure on training is regarded frequently as a less than essential cost or overhead, instead of a valuable investment.

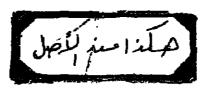
Is is slowly being accepted that effective training is essential for the creation and maintenance of a competitive and prosperous economy. The Accounting Standards Board's proposal that training expenditure should be disclosed by companies as revenue investment could make a useful contribution to increasing that acceptance and should be supported.

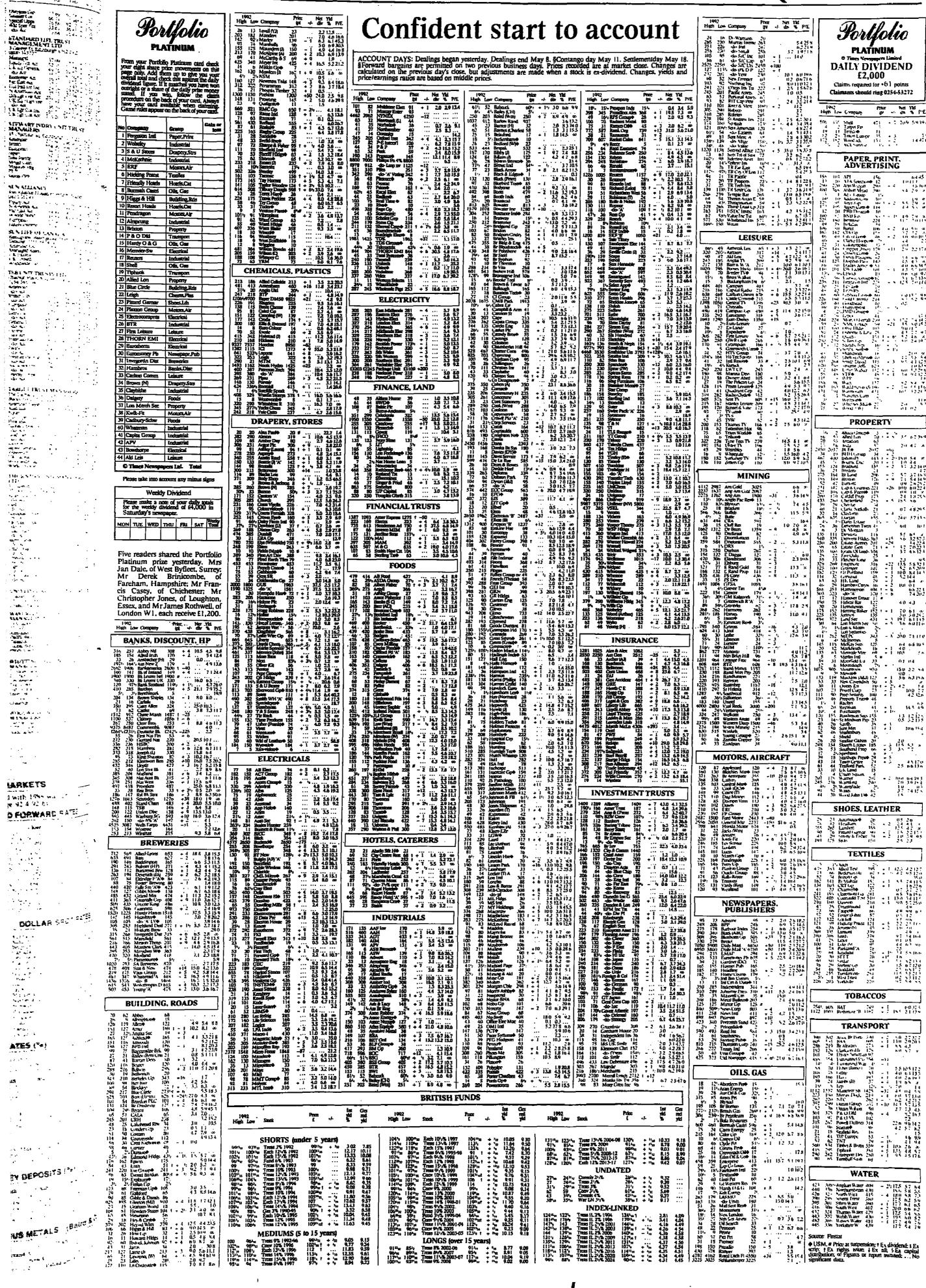
Yours faithfully, ALAN BARTLETT. The Association of British Chambers of Commerce. 8 Tufton Street, SW1.

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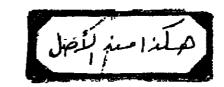
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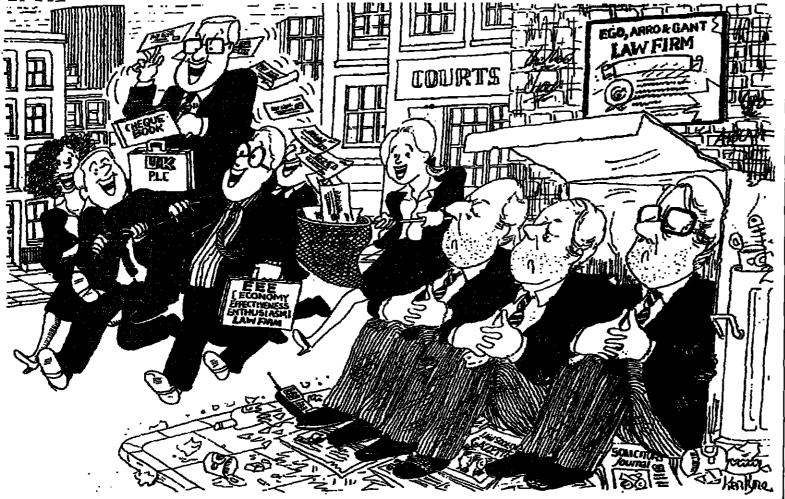
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Clients win their case

revolt has broken out among clients of corporate law firms. They are fed up with excessive fees and hidden costs, tired of being patronised by self-satisfied solicitors and impatient at delays and poor

The revolt is succeeding. "Client power" is shaking solicitors' complacency, and compelling them to sit up and take notice. Partners in law firms have been warned that they can no longer command the automatic loyalty of their clients. Instead, clients are increasingly interested in using several firms - choosing "horses for courses" — and they will employ anybody, regardless of pedigree, who shows they have aptitude.

The General Motors Company UK provides a good example of the trend. Although it regularly puts work to big names like Freshfields and McKenna & Co in Lonsmaller "niche" firms and its

own resources.
"We have much less regard for lawyers' egotism and the legal establishment, and are more interested in efficiency and effectiveness," says Keith Benjamin, the legal counsel for the company. "Enthusi-asm, effectiveness, and economy are what we now seek from our legal advisers."

It is the "economy" factor which is now giving most leverage to clients as they bring law firms to heel. During the go-go years of the Thatcher era there were so many transactions that clients were too busy to baulk at the cost of legal services. The lawyers grew fat on the proceeds, moving from crowded. drab offices overflowing with paper to marble palaces lavish-ly endowed with the latest

computer systems. But now, with recession, their progress has slowed. And as clients take stock of their performance, the spotlight has fixed on fees. "Without the transparency of an agreed hourly rate for individuals, and an understanding that any adjustment of the overall bill will be subject to our agreement, we will be reluc-tant to give outside counsel the The recession means corporate law firms can no longer

appear lofty and dismissive, Edward Fennell reports

opportunity to represent us," commented Keith Benjamin in a recent article addressed to law firms partners.

At an emotive level, the cause of lawyers has not been helped by income surveys showing that top solicitors now take home hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. Although the top law firms hotly dispute the findings of such surveys, there is little question that compared with their clients, often in-house lawyers themselves, corporate

solicitors are very well-paid.
"In order to justify what we earn to our clients, we have to demonstrate that we are working our butts off," said Stuart Benson, of Turner Kenneth Brown. "Personally, I am glad that we are now more accountable to the clients for what we no analysis of the work done colleague and get a full and accurate answer to the probthey can deal on friendly and relaxed terms. As another lem instantly. That is pretty respondent to the Hextall Erimpressive service." skine survey commented, "The test of a lawyer is quite In fact, the majority of law simple. I want to be able to

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client all the time, it is vital to

develop a friendly personal

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building up a level of mutual trust, and giving the client a

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According to Michael Les-ter, of GEC, the most impor-

tant attribute in a corporate

lawyer is good judgment. "Ba-

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Stones, of Wiggin & Co,

specialises in working for in-

ternational "high net worth" individuals. He emphasises

the importance of being con-

cise and direct with clients. But

also the ability to win their confidence by giving appropri-

"Some of our clients are

successful business people in their own right, while others are wealthy individuals with no business experience. Ac-

cording to their circumstances, they will need us to give different kinds of advice. In

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firms in London and the regions are now starting to ring him up without feeling respond to clients' needs. They that I am an intruder."
These days clients will exhave acknowledged that they operate in a highly competitive pect the lawyer to visit them on market, and many of them are their premises and even acnow providing a service which company them on business matches, and probably ex-ceeds the best to be found trips. For example, Hugh Garety, a lawyer with Theoanywhere in the world. dore Goddard, recently re-But clients make clear in turned from a week away in South America with a client

conversation that they feel they have to shop around to get that kind of service. The paradox is that whilst the technical expertise among, for example, the largest 30 firms in London is universally high, there is still considerable variation over client care. And there are enough sending in a regular bill with regularly offended by the manner of maladroit solici-

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was. I believe, unacceptable." Hourly rates alone, however. are not the whole of the argument. As Michael Lester, the director of GEC responsible for legal affairs, says: "Sometimes it is more costeffective to go to a more expensive firm which can get the job done faster."

And Christopher Bush, of British Caledonian Flight Training, which is now owned by the Hughes Corporation, acknowledges that he admires the quality of service that comes from some of the leading law firms — and that can-not be expected to come cheap.

"During some complex round-the-clock negotiations recently, we got into difficulties over a detail of Spanish law at three o'clock in the morning,' recalled Mr Bush, "Our lawyer was able to phone a

tors. For example, a recent inquiry by Hextall Erskine, a City firm, threw up several revealing comments from clients about the firm's rivals. "Some solicitors are unbe-

lievably patronising with my people," lamented one company, while another commented, "I can think of at least one firm who will be dropped from our panel next time we review it, because they treat our staff like some lower form of life." Some clients regard that

kind of arrogance as a legacy of the past — a time when, perhaps, solicitors were in-stilled with a lofty manner by their social background, and were complacent in the power of their professional qualifica-

Today, however, dients want, perhaps more than anything, a lawyer with whom

and it is our job simply to achieve it for them."

Making that judgment on the clients' needs boils down to an intimate knowledge of their affairs. And, according to mar-keting consultant Guy Jones, law firms would be well advised to put more serious effort into getting to know clients (and potential clients) rather than finding out what clients feel about them.
"There's far too much navel-

gazing among big law firms these days. What the clients want is obvious. It's time lawyers stopped endlessly researching it, and spent their time and money more profitably finding out about their clients' businesses. That's the quickest way to differentiate themselves in a crowded market. It's also a way of doing something really positive to improve the service they give

Next week: American law

Advocating a little court experiment

BRIEF

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THE task of the advocate is to be argumentative, inquisitive, indignant or apologetic - as the occasion demands - on behalf of the person who pays for his voice. He earns his living propounding views to which he does not necessarily subscribe, and which are sometimes anathema to him, on behalf of clients whose conduct may not interest him, will often offend him, and can occasionally

cause him outrage.
Whether the exercise of these powers and duties in the higher courts should be confined to barristers is the subject of two reports published earlier this month by the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee, chaired by Lord Griffiths and established under the Courts and Legal Services Act.

The committee recommended extending rights of audience to solicitors in the High Court and crown court, but advised maintaining the prohibition on advocacy in those courts by employed lawyers, including those in the Crown Prosecution Service. For all its ethical dilemmas and plain

absurdities, advocacy exemplifies and implements the valuable principle that there is always another point of view, a different per-

As Mr Justice Fortescue noted in a 1723 decision, even God himself applied such a principle before passing sentence on Adam in the Garden

spective, a contrary argument, of which account should be taken before judgment is deliv-

The ethical justification of advocacy is undermined if advocates are entitled to refuse to act for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the com-

The code of conduct of the PANNICK QC Bar therefore recognises the important duty of the advocate not to refuse to provide legal services because

the client is funded by legal aid, even though the Lord Chancellor requires practitioners to wait years for payment for work done. Rights of audience carry correlative duties to represent all sections of the community. The Griffiths committee was wrong to

recommend increased rights of audience for solicitors when the Law Society does not require solicitor advocates to take legal aid cases. The committee concluded that section 17(5) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 prevented it from imposing such a rule on solicitors. But it is strongly arguable that the committee is wrong in law, as well as in principle, because legal aid is necessarily "a

proper fee" for this purpose.

On rights of audience for employed lawyers, part of the reasoning of the Griffiths committee is unconvincing. Seeking to protect the interests of the Bar is wrong in principle, since the purpose of the 1990 Act

was to introduce the fresh air of competition and thereby raise standards. It is also unnecessary, since the Bar offers skilled advocacy services and objective advice which clients will continue to use.

Also unpersuasive is the concern expressed by the committee that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has yet to prove itself as an efficient and competent organisation.

The CPS and government lawyers have a strong case for being given rights of audience in the higher courts. They are understandably resentful of implied criticism of their professional integrity. But they have to recognise that the question of whether advocacy in the higher courts should be performed by an employee does raise difficult questions of principle.

Advocates are required to believe little for the purposes of their profession. They frequently suspend their critical faculties and present submissions they know have only a remote chance of being accepted by judge or jury. They are, however, convinced that advocacy independent of the client is an important element of the rule of law.

For the Crown to be represented in the crown court by employees of the state would polarise advocates into those who prosecute and those who defend. There would be a real risk that defence advocates would become associated with their clients, and so be under greater pressure to refuse to act for those accused of the most wicked or unpopular Such concerns have to be

weighed against the arguments in favour of extending rights of audience. The answer may be to allow for a limited experiment of crown court advocacy by the CPS. Outside pressures may make

it difficult for the advocate to focus on the matter in hand. In an American case, defence counsel told the jury that his closing speech would not take long because "I would like to move my car before 5 o'clock".

However hard the advocate concentrates. the judge may not appreciate his or her efforts. The Supreme Court of Michigan held in 1982 that a trial judge should not have responded to the submissions of defence counsel with a ruling that "whether your client is guilty or innocent, you're a despica-ble son of a bitch". When the Lord Chancellor decides how to

implement the recommendations of the Griffiths committee, those lawyers who are given extended rights of audience should be under no misapprehension as to the sensitivity of the role they are to perform.

The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, His book, Advocates, was published last week by Oxford University Press (£15)

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Raising Law Society hopes

THE arrival of the new junior minister to the Lord Chancellor, John Taylor, has cheered the Law Society. One of the solicitor-MPs in the new Parliament, Mr Taylor, a parliamentary secretary, will be able to add his experience in the delicate final phase of the society's application for rights of audience.

To the surprise of some, though, Mr Taylor, who represents Solihull, has not been given day-to-day responsibility for magistrates' courts. Instead his work includes such areas as "energy efficiency" and, more interestingly. "equal opportunities and women's issues" non-judicial, adds the department, lest anybody think this a move to promote more women judges. Of course not.

Bar code

ARE parristers more electable than solicitors? Almost equal numbers from each profesion stood for election on April 9, but only 80 of the 130 made it past the winning post. Of those, 51 were barristers against 29 solicitors. A cheering boost for the morale of the Bar, as the day that solicitors are let loose in the higher courts approaches.

Fast track

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Cheering news: John Taylor

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Loi ancien

SOME members of the Jersey legal profession are up in arms. Senator Dick Shenton is today challenging a new law

that requires law students who want to be advocates to spend six months at Caen University, Normandy, as part of their training, as do their Guernsey counter-

The law, not due to come into force until December, has been promoted because of concern that law students should have some tuition in Norman customary law, which remains the foundation of important parts of the law of the island.

Many of the 100 or so Jersey advocates and solicitors who regard themselves as English lawyers argue, however, that in most cases, reference is made to English law. They say students already learn Norman law, obviating any need for them to go to Caen to learn it.

Wind power

PERHAPS to demonstrate that hot air is the preserve of the legal profession, the City firm Waltons & Morse is promoting its knowledge of wind farms. At the champagne launch of Electricity: Law and Practice, in the Lloyds building tonight, the the firm will highlight its work on Britain's first commercial wind

The £150 tome, by Robert Tudway and Ken Bailey (Sweet and Maxwell), refers to environmentally correct sources of renewable energy, such as Wind-Electric's wind farm at Delabole, north Cornwall, which was given project fi-nance by County NatWest, advised by Waltons & Morse.

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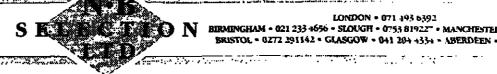
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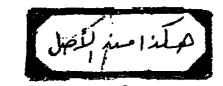
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Barristers are saving money by quitting their expensive chambers, Edward Odim reports

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eforms allowing barristers to set up single-member chambers anywhere, including in their own homes, and to practise without a clerk, came in 1990 as part of the Bar Council's response to the Lord Chancellor's attack on restrictive practices within the legal profession.

Today, 40 out of 400 barristers' chambers listed in the 1992 Bar Directory have only one member. Most of these are in barristers' homes. Lee Winetroube, head of professional standards at the Bar Council, acknowledges the gradual increase in the number of barristers setting up on their own, especially as the option becomes more widely

A recent survey by The Times of 28 lone practitioners found that their reasons for going it alone differed greatly. Although the rules allow barristers of three years' practice to set up alone, most had practised in conventional chambers for eight or more years. Most senior in the group was Kenneth Bagnall, QC, called in 1950; the most junior was called in 1983.

Practices varied. Of the 28, ten described their practice as mainly criminal. Nine had highlyspecialised practices, ranging from communications and satellite law to taxation and construction. The remainder reflected a broad range of civil work.

Most viewed their decision to set up alone as a success. Among the advantages cited were savings on rent and clerks' fees. In the case of John Tackaberry, QC, construction specialist and former chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, this was said to be as much as E30,000 p.a., even though he now employs a personal assistant and a secretary. Frances Bolton, a criminal barrister, says: "I would have to find an extra £15,000 per year if I

returned to my old chambers." Civil practitioners speak of improved working conditions and more space in which to hold conferences. For Kenneth Bagnall. OC, property lawyer and editor of ments are "infinitely easier" now solicitors and clients visit his home in the middle of Wentworth golf

John Mulholland, a Chancery barrister, says: "There are many excellent clerks who are first rate administrators, but there are those with little in the way of qualifications who earn more than their members of chambers." Moreover, he adds, "personal relations with the clerk can make or break a barrister's career.

Paul Shrubsall, chairman of the Institute of Barristers' Clerks, replies to criticism by pointing out Chambers choose their own clerk and, like football managers, they are got rid of if they are not up to the job. The IBC runs a five-year training course, which most clerks have been on, and offers continuing education programmes and management courses for senior

Some acknowledge the special role of clerks. Michael Byrd, a barrister says: "While it's nice to be on your own, you must have a

Most have been in conventional chambers for at least eight years

reliable clerk with access to court lists." Another admits that some solicitors are not comfortable negotiating fees with counsel.

Difficulties with solicitors can be more serious. Some solicitors will not brief barristers once they are on their own and it can be difficult finding new solicitors. John Fordham, a partner in Stephenson Harwood says: "Solicitors have favourite chambers and clerks and although they might instruct a particular barrister, they know there will be others who can take over papers should the need arise.



John Tackaberry, QC, who works from home and saves around £30,000 in rent and clerks' fees

Elen Davies, a solicitor with Lawrence & Co, says: "I would be worried about returned briefs, especially in criminal matters where hearings are not fixed. Good chambers have a range of competent barristers." Suspicions that the Crown Prose-

cution Service (CPS) is not enthusi-astic about briefing single practitioners because of similar fears are not allayed by Sally Sadler, CPS spokeswoman, when she says: "There is no general policy about this. It is simply left to local managers in the thirty-one CPS

William Khan, a criminal barrister, believes the problems can be overcome by "an effective system of administration and making sure that briefs are returned promptly. One must not be rigid," he says. "Flexibility is the key." Aisha Henthorn, a civil barrister, argues: "Single practitioners can offer advantages to solicitors, some of whom see clerks as a barrier. They can talk directly to barristers without the till ringing all the time."

Mr Tackaberry cites a change from the "brief fee and refresher" system of charging to one based on an hourly rate as a further possible benefit. He says: "Clients know where they stand and do not have hefty bills emerging from the dark two years later." Single practitioners have no association and, before the survey, little was known

about them as a group. However, they might be encouraged by the attitude of Jeffrey Gordon, a solicitor and executive member of the British Legal Association, who says: "In principle I am in favour of the relations with barristers, not chambers."

The Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund charge single practitioners a £250 minimum premium. Their spokesman says: "It's relatively early days; we do not have figures to

Many say they do miss the cameraderie of the Bar

be scientific but the minimum reflects the fact that there is some perceived risk in not having the back-up of conventional cham-

Francis Bennion, law don, text book writer and former parliamentary draftsman, who is privileged to have his own room in the Bodleian Law Library, set up chambers at home in Oxford to take advantage of his room. He says this is unfair-There is no evidence that single practitioners are a greater risk than other barristers. I am seriously minded to have the decision tested

by way of judicial review."

Asked whether they miss the carnaraderie of the Bar, the general answer seems to be "yes". Mr Byrd says: "Notwithsanding the crowded rooms, it was very pleasant being in the Temple." Aisha Henthorn makes up the deficit by membership of the Association of Women Barristers. Carl Koenigsberger, a tax barrister, touches on something more important when he says: "It's not good for barristers to work on their own. They need the professional contact of others. It would be ridiculous for

a young barrister to try it."

Mr Bagnall says: "The old system retained professional discipline and control over barristers." Concerned about such matters, the Bar Council reserves the right to have circuit leaders inspect single barristers' chambers to ensure that minimum standards with respect to administration are met.

It would appear then, that it is possible to make a career at the Bar as a single practitioner, whether practising from home or elsewhere, but special problems must be overcome. It is perhaps too early to say whether the reforms of 1990 will gradually change the face of the Bar and in the long term fundamentally alter the relationship between barrister and solicitor, but single practitioners seem to be here to stay.

The thrillers in manila folders

Frances Hegarty is a prosecutor, a 'day job' that provides plenty of inspiration for her other talent — writing crime fiction

Trances Hegarty was in the middle of preparing cases for the Crown Prosecution Service. This was her one day a week of "real life", when she breaks off from writing crime fiction and returns to her work as a lawyer in the special CPS team that prosecutes police officers.

Such has been the success of her novels since the first came out in 1988 that writing has almost become a full-time occupation. Yet the legal work, now all desk-work rather than advocacy, is still important. "It is", she says, "good for the soul. It keeps my head on my

shoulders." Her experiences as a crown prosecutor, dealing with murder,

and seeing crime investigated, also feed her writing - "not real cases gnettes, an inci-dent, a particular plot" -- although reality, she concedes, is often stranger than fic-

"Editors will say, you cannot write that, nobody would believe it because they

would not accept that level of coincidence occurs in real life." But she is constantly struck by the part that accident or coinci-

dence plays in the uncovering of crime and the way things surface. Ms Hegarty came to writing late. She had always tinkered. producing romantic short stories under the nom de plume Frances Fyfield ("I didn't want anybody to think I believed in such stories") and then in 1987, at the age of 38. she decided to attempt a novel.

The trigger was personal unhappiness: she was married "disastrously" for a year and when that fell apart, she set about dispelling her sense of failure with life. She tried a family saga, which was "appalling", and turned instead to writing about what she knew.

The result was A Question of Guilt published under the name Frances Fyfield in 1988, followed by three others. The last of these, Deep Sleep, won the Silver Dagger award in 1991, the year in which her first novel under her real name.

The Playroom, appeared.

She intends to keep both personae going - Fyfield is published by Heinemann, Hegarty by Hamish Hamilton. "The Hegarty books are different: much more in the style of a psychological thriller -

meatier, bleaker and harder to do. "They go more into the human psyche. The Fyfield books have got more of the framework of a traditional crime novel, although none of my books is a whodunit with cops and robbers."

There is clearly no lack of momentum: Thursday. Half Light, the second Hegarty novel appears, and she is already nearly through the next

In Half Light, the story of an art restorer who goes missing, she develops the idea of the "passive heroine who is not particularly brave", an at-

Hegarty — aka Fyfield tempt to get away from heroes who "charge and put

the boot in". She was also prompted by the thought of how long it can take to discover somebody is missing if they live alone, and have no relatives. Ideas come in good supply. "They are not the prob-lem." she says. It's marshalling them into some sort of acceptable order and keeping them under control that is difficult."

In this task, Ms Hegarty's other ordered and controlled life as a prosecutor will clearly be kept at a firm distance; she has no desire to write about real life crime rather than fiction, however astonishing the former may be.

"I did not give up full-time pros-ecuting to be a writer and have to be constrained by the facts."

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Chase, at Ascot this evening. This will be his first venture against seasoned handicappers, such as Al Hashimi and Elfast, and he may well have crept into the race on the lenient side with only 10st

Illb to carry.
For sandwiched between those easy victories at Warwick and Huntingdon was that praiseworthy effort at the Cheltenham festival, where he finished sixth to Young Pokey in the Arkle Challenge Trophy.

Elfast, who won the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, had ear-lier beaten Al Hashimi and Welsh Bard at Sandown. Whereas Al Hashimi is now a pound better off for a length,

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Welsh Bard is 5lb worse off for four lengths.

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Hashimi has been successful at Sandown and Stratford whereas Elfast had the mis-fortune to be brought down in the John Hughes Memorial Chase at Liverpool, where Welsh Bard was third behind Cyphrate and Gale Again.

Bounden Duty's stable companion Ashfold Copse is napped to make a successful transition from novice into handicap company by landing the Punch Bowl Hurdle. On his last appearance at Ascot, Ashfold Copse was beaten a short head by Bas De Laine, who also runs in the Hosta Novices' Hurdle.

I've seen all but one of Ash-

fold Copse's six races this season and each time he has given me the impression that he has been crying out for today's longer trip. Very Very Ordinary, who

belied his name when winning the Bollinger Champagne Novices' Handicap Chase at the last Ascot meeting, is taken to follow up in style by winning the Royal Fern Novices' Handicap Chase, even though he will be meeting the third, Kilhallon Castle, on 9lb worse terms.

On the Flat at Bath, the Rod Simpson-trained Oli-fantsfontein can defy his pen-alty in the Tripleprint Handicap since he has already done it once when romping away with his last race at Sandown on Friday, having scored at Kempton four days earlier.

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7.05 ROSLING KING HANDICAP CHASE

1 2011 AL HASHIMI 17 (D.F.G.) D Nicholson 8-12-0 2 3525 SURE METAL 25 (D.F.G.S.) D McCain 9-11-13 G McCourt

3 211B ELFAST 26 (BF,D,F,G,S) J Webber 9-11-11. M Lynd 4 1113 WELSH BARD 26 (V,D,F,G,S) C Brooks 8-11-2

5 -802 GREEN WILLOW 12 (D.F.G.S) J Gifford 10-10-12

6 2161 BOUNDEN DUTY 15 (D.F.G.S) G Harwood 6-10-11

94 Al Hashkni, 11-4 Bounden Duty, 7-2 Effest, 11-2 Weish Berd 13-2 Sure Metal, 10-1 Green Willow.

7.35 ROYAL FERN NOVICE HANDICAP

R Supple 3 216S MANDER'S WAY 35 (D.G.S) Miss H Knight 7-10-8

11-8 Very Very Ordinary, 7-2 Far Senior, 11-2 Rare Luck, 8-1 Avonburn, 10-1 Mander's Way, Kilhalion Castle, 12-1 others.

8.10 PUNCH BOWL HANDICAP HURDLE

1 0408 SECRET FOUR 31 (C,F,G,S) R Akehurst 6-11-10

2 1246 MR GOSSIP 20 (CD,G,S) N Henderson 10-11-0
3 0P12 CASTLE SECRET 26 (F,H) D Surchell 6-11-4
4 0304_OLD DUNDALK 7 (V,D,G) D Murray Smith 8-11-3

5 5011 PETTY BRIDGE 13 (D.F.G.S) A James 6-10-9 R Bellamy

8 -004 SIR CRUSTY 13 (F.G.S) O D'Neil 10-10-4 M A PitzGerald (3) 10 344F ON HIS OWN 53 (CD.F.G) G Basking 9-10-0 M Lynch 11 P206 ROMFUL PRINCE 12 (G.S) C Mischell 9-10-0

ASHFOLD COPSE 31 (BF,G) G Har

7 1121 WICK POUND 12 (B,G) J Old 6-10-9 T Gr 8 -000 LOANINGDALE 20 (B,C,F,G) R Akshurst 7-10-7

1 1434 FAR SENGOR 47 (F.G) K Bailey 6-11-11 2 F311 VERY VERY ORDINARY 20 (C,G,S) J Upcon 6-10-10

CHASE (£4,698: 3m) (12)

(£5,300: 3m) (12)

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Flown looks pick of strong raiding party

PUNCHESTOWN has injected a massive increase in prize-money this year, aimed at promoting an Irish festival equivalent to Cheltenham (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

There will be a total of IRE420.000 on offer over the

next three days compared to IRE 170,000 last year. There are eight British raiders today, the most attractive being Flown in the BMW Champion Novice Hurdle.

He was only fourth behind Carobee at Liverpool, but pre-viously was impressive when beating Halkopous by ten lengths in the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Chehenham. Fortune And Farne, who

was a further three lengths away third, reopposes but Flown is hard to oppose.

The soft going should be ideal for Martin Pipe's Milford Quay in the Goffs Silver Gavel Novice Chase.

Rodrigo De Triano scare

RODRIGO De Triano, Les-2, from 4-1, with Ladbrokes, ter Piggott's intended mount in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas, was found to have a sore heel yesterday, but is expected to participate in the first colts' classic at Newmarket (Chris-

topher Goulding writes).
"He has a sore heel, but is perfectly sound," explained his trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam. "He walked and trotted sound and has been swimming, so I am not too worried. He's still bang-on for the race." Robert Sangster's colt re-

while Alnast Alwasheek heads the market at 3-1, from The two best-backed horses with Coral yesterday were Lion Cavern, 10-1 from 14-1.

and Dilum, 12-1 from 16-1.
Nick Lees, the clerk of the course, reported yesterday:
"The ground is good to firm at present and we are watering and will continue until tomorrow lunchtime. The forecast is for rain." Robert Sangster's hopes of

FORM FOCUS

OLIFANTSFONTEIN completed double with %i defeat of Terrhera in 20-numer Sendown (5/, good) handicap cells (A.W. 61) handicap with MISOEMEANOURS GRIL (6tb better off) 3/4 4th. HOW'S YER FATHER 4/2/4 4th of 11 to MISOEMEANOURS GRIL (6tb better off) 3/4/4 th. HOW'S YER FATHER 4/2/4 4th of 11 to MISOEMEANOURS GRIL (6tb worse off) HITCHEN A RIDE %i 2nd of 19 to Broozy Cosy with SPORTS POST LADY 11st.

Handicap CEE-EN-CEE 8/4/5 th of 14 to Meeson Times in Lingüeld (A.W. 61) handicap with MISOEMEANOURS GRIL (6tb worse off) handicap with MITCHEN A RIDE %i 2nd of 19 to Broozy Cosy with SPORTS POST LADY 11st.

CHECHE engaged 6.40 Windows last right, best Suffy's Choice %i in 8-numer Southwelf (A.W. 5F).

3.30 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,267: 1m 3f 144yd) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS

ANTIGUAN FLYER 8I 8th of 18 to Nan A Buck in Laicester (71, good) maken. NATRAL EXCHANGE WEDDING better of times efforts when 21th 3rd of 9 to Mormanhs in Catterick (1m 4t, good to 5 to Mormanhs in Catterick (1m 4t, good) maken. SIR PAGEANT 71 4th of 8 to Truben in Folkestore (1m 4t, good) maken. SIR 1m 3th of 17 to Pursuit Of Love

4.00 EMPIRE HANDICAP (£2,901: 1m 3f 144yd) (13 runners)

winning the 1,000 Guineas with Musicale is still in doubt. The Minstrei filly has a cracked heel and her participation is considered to be only 50-50.

Only 50-50.

FIVE-DAY ACCEPTORS: Alnass Alvassheek, Artic Tracker, Sadle, Cordour, Daun, Irish Memory, Lion Covern, Lucky Lindy, Muhtasman Purass; Cf. Love, River Palls, Rodingo De Triam, Såver Wepp, Steinbeck, Swing Low, Tertan, Thounce, Widde Rido.

LATEST BETTING (Corals): 7-2 Alnass Alvassheek, 9-2 Pursuit Of Love, 5 Rodingo De Triamo, 7 Tertien, 10 Lion Cavern, 12 Debrer, Cardour, 18 Steinbeck, 20 River Fells, 25 Såver Wap, Muhtamam, Swing Love, 33 Irish Memory, Lastey Lindy, 40 Thourios, 50 Bedle, 65 Artic Tracker, Wild Rido.

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THUNDERER MANDARIN 2.00 Forza Azzurri. 2.00 Forza Azzurri. 2.30 Pistol. 3.00 Hitchen A Ride. 3.00 Olifantafontein. 3.30 Antiguan Flyer. 4.00 Grove Serendipity. 3.00 Antiguan Flyer. 4.00 Horizon.

4.30 Bayaireg. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 OLIFANTSFONTEIN.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F 11YD - 1M 8YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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	2.00	SPA S	ELLING 9	TAKES (3	Y-O: £2,3	55: 5f 11yd)	(19 runners	1)	
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ı	3 /16)	300-005	PALACEGA	TE GOLD 15	(B.F) (A Hor	loes) Fl Hodge	8-12	T Sprake (5)	7
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ı	9 (17)	50-8080	INJAKA BO	Y 22 (V) (Mrs	R Salcomba	K White 8-7		J Williams	7
ı	10 (15)	4230	LIFE'S A S	REEZE 36 (R	un For Fun R	ecino Clubi M	Channon 8-7	T Quinn	. 6
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ı	16 (10)	405850	REACH FO	RWARD 262	(D Hadaes)	Holder 8-2	<u>-</u>	N Adams	, 7
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ı	18 (13)	4005-46	SAVALARO	15 (J Fftich-	Heves) J Ffitz	sh-Heyes 8-2		A Mackay	, 8
ı	19 (7)	000-000	WEEKEND	GIRL 10 (B)	D Jones W	Brisbourne 8-2		C Hawksley (7)	
ŀ	BETTING:	7-2 Forza	Azzum. 9-2	Life's A Bres	ze. 5-1 Cast	tal Queen, 6-1	Little Nod, 1	3-2 Mint Additio	ул, B-

Grand Time, 12-1 Ever So Lonely. 1991: FIVESEVENFIVEO 8-7 Part Eddary (11-8 tav) J Serry 23 ren

FORM FOCUS

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GRAND TIME hd 2nd of 6 to Summor Express in Lingfield (AW, 61) claimer on penultimale start. Pre- vously beat Crache ½ in 9-runner Southwell (AW. 51) handlesp with EYER SO LONELY (10th better oft) 3½ 5th ANOTHER VINTAGE 5½ 6th of 16 to Magnificent in Brighton (71, good to soft) handlesp on penultimate start BERNIE SILVERS 111 10th of	15 to Googly in Felicestone (1m 1f 149yd, good) handcep. FORZA AZZURRI 6l 4th of 17 to Burnty Boo in Nottrepham (6l, good to soft) malden. LITTLE NOD 15l 3rd of 17 to Karamoja in Wolverhampton (7l, heavy), seller with ORCHARD BAY 13th and PALACEGATE GOLD 15th. Selection: FORZA AZZURRI	

2 30.	EBF HODCOTT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,929: 5f 11yd) (14 runners)
Z.VV	EBF HOULD I MAIDEN STAKES (2-1-0: £2,929: 31 11y0) (14 runners)
1 (3)	AMBIVALENTATITUDE (B Fry) M Usher 9-0 R Cochmine -
2 (1)	BOLD ACRE (Mrs M Morgan) D Laing 9-0 T Williams
3 (12)	BOTH BARRELS (M & N Plant Ltd) R Holder 9-0 N Adams
4 (13)	JEREMIAHS BOY (J Barber) R Hodges 9-0 T Sprake (5)
5 (2)	4 NIGHT MELODY 38 (P Savit) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley
6 (11)	PERSIAN NOBLE (C HR) C HM 9-0 A Clark
7 (14)	6 PIRATES GOLD 7 (Mrs C Hawkings) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0
8 (8)	2 PISTOL 12 (C Wates) P Cole 90 T Quing
9 (10)	SEFIO (B Allen) J Berry 9-0 Pat Eddery
10 (9)	0 WORLD EXPRESS 7 (World Express Ltd) 8 Millimen 9-0
11 (5)	5 DUCHESS DIANNE 31 (A Miquel) R Holder 8-8 J Williams
12 (6)	ROYAL DEED (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 8-9
13 (7)	STANFORD AVENUE (G Dennis) B Forsey 8-8 \$ Dawson
14 (4)	WEALTHYWOO (G Bosley) J Moore 8-9 B Rouse
BETTING: 4-6	Prstol, 5-1 Prrates Gold, 13-2 Seño, 8-1 Night Melody, 16-1 Royal Deed, 20-1 others.
ŀ	1991: SURE TO WIN 9-0 K Darley (11-2) G Lewis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGHT MELODY 3½1 4th of 10 to Other One in Doncaster (51, good) maiden. PIRATES GOLD 5½1 6th of 14 to Zuno Warnor in Warwick (51, good to soft) maden with WORLD EXPRESS tailed off 14th. PISTOL, 32 2nd of 13 to Kharaj in Newmarket	(5f. good) maiden. DUCHESS DIANNE 19:5th of 9 to Palacegate Episode in Warwick (5f. soft) maiden. SEFIO (loaled Mar 7, coat 7,000gns) by Efisio, is the first foal of an unraced dam. Selection: PISTOL

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP (£2,960: 5f 11yd) (15 runners)

MANDARIN

1 (7: 426300- DOMINUET 199 (CD.G.S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 7-9-13
2 (10) 00000-4 WHIPPET 15 (8.D.F.G.S) (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-98 J Weaver (7) 9
3 (11) 000-011 CILIFANTSFONTEIN 4 (B.D.F.G.S) (T Painting) R Simpson 4-9-5 (Sex) Pat Eddery • 9
4 (1) 4200-04 HOW'S YER FATHER 15 (D.F.G.S) (Unity Centre) R Hodges 69-1 T Sprake (5) 9
5 (5) 51000-0 BANBURY FLYER 8 (D.F) (J Martin) Mrs A King 4-8-13 W R Swinburn 8
6 [15] 1-11241 CRECHE 1 (8,D) (B Politina) Mrs N Mecautey 3-6-10
7 (3) 6260-00 FIVESEVENITIVEO 8 (CD.F.G) (G Baker) R Hodges 4-8-9
8 (8) 010104 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 4 (D.G.S.) (M Michaels) M Channon 4-8-8 A Mutero 9
9 (4) 1-00200 SPORTS POST LADY 15 (D.F.G.) (C Hill) C Hill 4-8
10 (13) 6204-05 CEE-EN-CEE 87 (B,CD,F,G) (D Humphreys) M McCourt 8-6-6
11 (2) 00-0602 HITCHIN A RIDE B (D.G) (D Matthews) M Muggeridge 5-8-5 J Williams 9
12 (12) 5000-03 LUCY DANCER 8 (D,G) (Orched Bloodstock) C Cox 4-8-0 A Tucker (5) 8
13 (9) 005050- SHADES OF JADE 258 (W Wood) J Bridger 4-7-9 T Williams 8
14 (14) 05050-0 TACHYON PARK 104 (V,CD,F,G) (S Witting) P Howing 10-7-7 N Carlisla 8
15 (6) 244-040 BARBARA'S CUTTE 33 (A Fearm) M Blanshard 4-7-7
Long handican: Barbara's Cube 7-2
BETTING: 15-8 Oktantsfentein, 7-2 Hitchin A Ride, 5-1 Lucy Dancer, 6-1 Creche, 7-1 How's Yer Father, 10-

Cee-En-Cee, Whippet, 12-1 others 1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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NO FEW EARLS ON

ker 8-7 79	4.00 EMPIRE HANDICAP (£2,901: 1m 3f 144yd) (13 runners)
S Reymont 94 S Reymont 96 S Re	1 (3) 02221-0 LOKI 6 (F) (T Laidisse) G Lewis 4-10-0 Paul Ecklery 88 2 (11) 010525- GROVE SERENDIPITY 181 (V) (A Helesse) A Hade 4-9-2 R Cochrane 83 3 (10) 08-1100 HORIZON 31 (B.F.G) (Mrs 8 Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 4-9-2 S Whitworth 98 4 (6) 520060 EL DOMINIC 48 (G.G.S) (M Brunton) K Cunningham Brown 4-9-7 T Oulmn 56 5 (12) 512350- ROCK LEGEND 189 (D.F) (J Sheehan) D Shaw 4-8-12 B Rouse 90 6 (7) 6100-00 HILLS OF HOY 40 (C.F) (K Baley) K Bailey B-8-8 C Microstay (7) 90 7 (13) 1/44068- EASY PLIRCHASE 1573 (F Purchase) R Holder 5-9-7 J Williams 84 8 (5) 48/5200- MASTER LINE 133 (F.G) (Mrs H Candy) H Candy 11-9-4 S Draise (7) 82 9 (8) 2022-02 METRY MARIGOLD 7 (S) (Mrs I Particl) J Roberts 6-9-4 Par Ecklery 90 11 (4) 00-0005 MAI PEN RAI 49 (F.S) (C HII) C Har 4-7-12 T Williams 98 13 (1) 1000-40 MILDOY LANE 16 (G.G) (J Staffort) B Milman 4-7-7 C Hawfalley (7) 93
REA AZZURIRI & 4th of 17 to Bunty nam (&, good to soft) malden. LITTLE of to Karamoja in Wolverhampton of the with ORCHARD BAY 13th and E GOLD 15th.	Long handicap: Muddy Lase 7-5. BETTING: 9-4 Merry Marigold, 7-2 Grove Serendipdy, 4-1 Thin Red Line, 11-2 Horizon, 8-1 Hills Of Hoy, 1991: VICEROY JESTER 6-8-9 S Drowne (8-1) R Holder 20 ran
RZA AZZURRI	FORM FOCUS
929: 5f 11yd) (14 runners) R Cochrane T Williams N Adems T Sprake (5) K Derley K Derley	LONG 87 7th of 15 to Metermich in Folkestone (1m 1f 10yd, good) claimer. Previously beat Nakona Blatraya 21 in 5-runner Redear (1m 2f, good to firm) handicap, GROVE SERENDIPITY neek 2nd of 13 to Bookcase in Goodwood (1m 4t, good) handicap on penultimate start. HORIZON put up best recent affort when beating Broom late 3½1 in 7-runner Southwell (AW, 1m41)
A Clark — Elks 9-0 — J Reid —	4.30 ILCHESTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,135: 1m 2/ 46yd) (17 rumners)
T Culma — Pat Eddery — Imen 9-0 — G Baxter — J Williams — Paul Eddery — S Dawson — S Dawson — B Rouse — 1 Royal Deed, 20-1 others	1 (1) 05-132 ROMANSH 10 (8F.S) (Shekh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-7. M Hills 91 2 (15) 621-4 UP ANCHOR 15 (F) (F Selmen) P Cole 9-5. R A Munro 86 3 (17) 003131- ROCALITY 183 (F.G) (G Minet) R Hannon 9-5. R Perham (7) 88 4 (3) 16660-6 AMAESTROSO 17 (G) (Mrs T Dunber) R Johnson Houghton 9-2. R Cochrane 92 5 (11) 00351-3 JUDGE AND JURY 17 (M Cole) M Fetherston-Godley 9-2. P Cochrane 84 6 (8) 4340- PERSIAN FANTASY 17! (Minctioner inc.) J Dunbey 9-1. Pet Eddery 85 7 (13) 638-3 BAYAREG 15 (Meldoum Al Meldoum) A Scott 8-13. W R Swinbarn 92 8 (12) 38460- MEDICAN DANCER 206 (Mrs Y Molfstit) R Holder 8-11. J Williams 84 9 (14) 540- TRUMPET 203 (The Ouesin) Lord Huntrighon 8-11. Date Gibson 80 10 (2) 3-34 LEGENDARY 18 (R Sengster) P Chapple-Hyan 8-9. Paul Eddery 92 11 (7) 65300-4 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 17 (21st Cartury Hand 8-9. Paul Eddery 92 11 (7) 65300-4 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 17 (21st Cartury Hand 8-6. N Adams 87
den. DUCHESS DIANNE 1915th of 9 Episode in Warwick (Sf. soft) maiden. Mar 7, cost 7,000gns) by Efisio, is the unraced dam.	12 (9) 0008-4 ARCTIC CIRCLE 10 (8) (A Softenious) Miss A Whiffield 8-4. N Adams 87 13 (16) 000- NOTABLE EXCEPTION 195 (C Wright) J Nils 8-8. D Holland 14 (10) 00-5 ELECKYDO 22 (t Carnell & Son Ltd) R Hodges 7-12. T Sprake (5) 89 15 (4) 00-0 PROBATION 25 (Mrs H Devey) B Million 7-10. A Mackey 80 16 (5) 03000- HODDEN RLOWER 281 (5 Howe) J Roberts 7-7. N Carlete 93 17 (8) 20000- BENEFACT 207 16 Prince C Howlessey (7) ● 99 Long handicap: Benefact 7-3. BETTING: 5-2 Romansh, 4-1 Legendary, 9-2 Up Anchor, 5-1 Beystreg, 8-1 Judge And Jury.
5 runners)	1991: PAPER DANCE 8-4 J Wilherte (7-2) R Holder 14 min FORM FOCUS
Spearing 7-9-13	ROMANSH 1/21 of 13 to Feograf in Kempton (1m 21, good to soft) handiscap with ARCHIC CIRCLE (5to bester off) 4/31 4th. UP ANCHOR 9/31 4th of 5 to All At See in Northinghum (1m 21, good) stakes race. ROCALITY best Super-Sub neck in 18-runser 1. Sood to soft) nursery. BAYAIRES 23 3rd of 15 to Kitssb in Bendron (1m, good to 8/m) marken. Lecester (7f, firm) nursery. JUDGE AND JURY 4/31 3rd of 21 to Ecliptic in Newbury (1m 21, good to soft) handicap with PRIN-
McCourt 8-6-6 T Quinn 85 geridge 5-8-5 J Williams 92 Cox 4-8-0 A Tucker (5) 88	COURSE SPECIALISTS
7-9 T Williams 87 Howing 10-7-7 N Carlisle 86 4-7-7 N Adams 85 1 Creche, 7-1 How's Yer Father, 10-1	TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent JOCKEYS Winners Rides Per cent M McCourt 3 10 30.0 Pat Eddery 22 72 30.6 8 B Hills 19 68 27.9 K Dentey 3 13 23.1 G Lewrs 9 38 22.7 M Hills 6 34 19.4 J Berry 9 43 20.9 J Reid 19 106 17.9 R Houghton 5 27 18.5 A Munro 7 39 17.9 R Hennon 16 90 17.8 W R Sembourn 5 32 15.6
RICHARD EVANS 2.45 GARAH (nsp.). 4.15 Leonadis Polk.	4. 15 LORDS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,716: 1m 54yd) (20 runners) 1 (13) 05-6 WILL SOON 24 (H Candy) H Candy B7

SEPERAL DAY

JOCKEYS: Fl Supple, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; Mr M Armytage, 5 from 13, 36.5%; M Pitman, 6 from 24, 25.0%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 42, 23.6%; J Osborne, 15 from 66, 22.7%; G Bradley, 8 from 37, 21.6%.

5.45 Merchant Of Venice, 6.15 Guest Player, 6.45 Singlesole, 7.15 Wait You There, 7.45 Mister Gebo. 8.15 Imperial Bid. THUNDERER

5.45 Merchant Of Venice. 6.15 Tres Amigos. 6.45 Elegant Stranger. 7.15 Laurie-O. 7.45 Watertight. 8.15 Banana Cufflinks.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

5.45 SOUTH WEST DURHAM HOSPICE APPEAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,841: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 THOMPSON FLYER 278F R Tate 5-12-0 Miss F Needham (7) 2 13 MERCHANT OF VENICE 10 (V) M Tomplans 4-11-10 S Smith Eccles 3 POOD WINDSOR PARK 12 (F) K Bridgwater 6-11-9
B Citiford (3) 3 P000 WINDSOR PARK 12 (F) K Bridgwater 6-11-9
4 0-43 SHARP CHALLENGE 8 J Water 5-10-9
5 04F4 SRIVER STICK 35 (B.BF.G) M W Easterby 5-10-9
6 05P- DUTCH AUCTION 354 R Johnson 8-10-8. K Johnson 7 00P3 MASTER WILLIAM 15 J Edwards 8-10-4 N Williamson 8 6546 LATOSKY 7 (B) J Norton 4-10-3 W Fry (7) 9 00P5 ZENISKA 8 D Brown 4-10-3 M FA Rebord 10 27E8 AL SABAK 36 (B.CD.S) N IMBer 4-10-1 J Supple (7) 11 005P HUMMANBY GAP 10 P Beaumont 7-10-0 Mrs A Farrell 2 6/P CHARLLEWAM 8 R Lamb 9-10-0. Miss S Lamb (7) 13 PP0P COUNTESS CROSSETT 14 E Carne 10-10-0 Mrs P Robson 14 00PP CRESTINA CROSSETT 101 E Carne 10-10-0 Mr J Murphy (7)

6.15 JOHN WADE HAULAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 4f) (17)

9-4 Merchant Of Venice, 4-1 Sharp Challenge, 9-2 Master Wilham, 6-1 Saver Stick, 8-1 Latosky, 10-1 others

1 1400 KIR 14 (V.G) D Frants 4-11-10 P Carr (7)
2 00-0 PLEET FOOTED 22 (F.S) W Storey 9-11-3 K Doolan
3 -222 GUEST PLAYER 10 (B.8F) T Naughton 5-11-2 4 0-03 MAC RAMBLER 109 N Bycroll 5-11-2 R Hodge (5) 5 6603 TRES AMIGOS 36 (8F.F.) J Johnson 5-11-1 A Larnach (7) M Dwyer

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: Mrs A Aconley, 8 winners from 33 runners, 24.2%; Mrs G Reveley, 38 from 170, 22.4%; Mrs S Bramail, 11 from 55, 20.0%, W A Stephenson, 85 from 337, 19.6%, G Moore, 25 from 128, 19.5%, M W Easterby, 11 from 71, 15.5% JOCKEYS; M Dwyer, 34 winners from 149 rides, 22 8%, C Grant, 48 from 231, 20 8%, P Midgley, 9 from 49, 18 4% R Hodge, 6 from 34, 17 6%, Nrs A Farrell, 4 from 28, 14 3%, A Merrigan, 16 from 121, 13 2%

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13-8 Ashfold Copse, 9-2 Petty Bridge, 6-1 Wick Pound, 7-1 Castle Secret. 10-1 Mr Gosslp, Secret Four, 12-1 others. 9 6-0P SEE THE LIGHT 32F (V,C,F) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-8 P Midgley 10 0202 IMA DELIGHT 18 Mrs P Sty 5-10-5 ... A Carroll 11 -038 YOUNG MURPHY 216 G Castsworth 10-10-0 12 1320 SOVEREIGN NICHE 6F (C.G) N Mider 4-10-0
12 1320 SOVEREIGN NICHE 6F (C.G) N Mider 4-10-0
13 JFS- CAWSTON BAY 603 J Norton 7-10-0... W Fry (7)
14 6005 CHANTELLY DAWN 10 (8) J Hayres 8-10-0 B Storey
15 JO-0 ARDILES 8 R OTLERY 8-10-0 N Bentley 7-10-0 M Bentley 7-10-0 DE VALERA 14 W Bentley 4-10-0 N Bentley 7-10-0 N Bentley 7-10-0 SCARBON LADY 8 (D.F) J Harris 7-10-0 J A Harris
3-1 Guest Player, 9-2 Ima Delight, 5-1 Polder, 6-1 Tres Amigos.
8-1 Mac Rambler, Stormseal Boy, 10-1 others.

6.45 BUTTERKNOWLE BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,847: 2m 4f) (6)

1 4152 KETTI 13 (F,G,S) D Williams 7-12-0 Mr G Lewis (7) 2 11PP BONANZA 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-8 R Hodge (5) 8 Hodge (5)
3 50-3 MiGHTY GLOW 213 (CD.F.) J Johnson 8:11-0
4 6265 ELEGANT STRANGER 8 (BF.F.G.S) M Tompers
5 636U AUSTHORPE SUNSET 86 (D.F.G.S) M Harmond 8:10
6 P100 SINGLESOLE 8 (B.D.G.S) Mrs P Sy 7:10-6 A Carroll 5-4 Ketti, 4-1 Bonanza, 6-1 Singlesofe, 7-1 Elegant Stranger, 8-1 Austhorpe Sunset, 14-1 Mighty Glow

7.15 SUNDERLAND ECHO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,444: 2m 41) (5)

1 1022 LACIDAR 14 (CD.BF.F.G.S) Judhnson 12·12-0 T Reed 2 4213 UNEX-PLAINED 10 (CD.BF.G.S) G Moore 9·11-3 J Callaghan 3 P301 LAURIE-O 3 (CD.F.S) Mrs G Reveley 3·11-1 (feat M Dwyer 4 1334 FALM READER 15 (CD,BF,F) W A Stephenson 5 5132 WAIT YOU THERE 7 (CD,F,G,S) H Alexancer 7:105 A Orkney A Drimey 15-8 Unex-Plained, 9-4 Lacidor, 7-2 Laurie-O 6-1 Palm Reader 10-1 Wart You There

7.45 BISHOP AUCKLAND NOVICES CHASE (£1,827: 3m 21 160yd) (10)

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1 P433 TIBER MELODY 21 (G) B Rothwell 9-11-9 B Storey
2 /PP LANGROVE 10 Mrs V Aconley 8-11-2 T Reed
3 22FU MISTER GEBO 102 (BF.F.G) J Edwards 7-11-3 N Williamson N Smith 52 Mister Gebo, 7-2 Waterlight, 4-1 Tammy, My Gril -5-1 Tiber Melody, 8-1 April's Baby, 10-1 Mr Pod, 14-1 others

8.15 DURHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1.411: 2m) (15)

1 2344 SET THE STANDARDS 17 (D.F) A Whitians ±11-2
G Thomson (3)
132 TAPATCH 45 [D.F] G Moore 4-11-2.
B BANANA CUFFLINKS 8 M Tempans 6-11-0
P Smith Eccles (7)
GEORGE MOSS W A Stephenson 5-11-0-1 Supple (3)
5 00-P LANGTON MIST 15 Mrs 7 Accords 7-11-0
C Woods (7)
6 S.A MULIZENBERG 55 J Francisch 5-11-0
Langton Mist (1)
Langton Mi C Woodall (7)

6 6-5 MUIZENBERG 55 J Edwards 5 11-0 Judy Daves (3)

7 PPPO TRIBLITE TO DAD 7 A Watson 5 11-0 D Bentley

8 000 ANOTHER RED 14 W Rars 4 10-9 R Hocks

10 NORTHO 1957 J Charlton 4 10-9 P Waspoot 16

11 3-50 RED SALLS 8 Mics M Benson 6 10-9 D J Mofflat

12 2036 SOUSON 14 (8) M W Easterby 4 10-9 D Grifford

13 ANSWERSNOTPROBLEMS 1157 8 7 84 4 10-4 C Dennis

14 ROP SHAHMIRAJ 5 W A Stephenson 4-104 A Lamach 15 PO0 TV PITCH 7 D Lec 4-10-4 W Down 3-1 Imperial Bid, 4-1 Tapatch, 6-1 Banana Cuttinis, Souson 8-1 Musemberg, George Moss, 10-1 others

2.15 Belgran. 2.45 Power Lake. 3.15 Simmering. 3.45 Stratford Lady. 2.15 Belgran. 2.45 GARAH (nap). 3.15 Folly Vision. 3.45 Lyn's Return. 4.15 Systematic. 4.45 Sagaman. 5.15 In The Picture. 4.15 Drummer Hicks. 4.45 Fanlight. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES) SIS DRAW: 5F 13YD - 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.15 OVAL MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O cofts and geldings: £1,932: 1m 1f 213yd) (8 runners) S Cauthers —
R Mitchell (7) —
W Ryan © 99
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L Dettors —
M Roberts 72 BETTING: 4-6 Belgren, 3-2 Bitter Aloe, 6-1 Dress Sense, 9-1 Alo, 10-1 Lobilio, 16-1 Str Mark Sylves, 33-1 Meah The Tea, 50-1 Amber Glow 1997: FRIEDLAND 3-9-0 W Ryan (1-2 lev) H Cecil 5 nar 2.45 HEADINGLEY STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,261: 6f 15yd) (9 runners) (6) 1010- DANCING BOY 199 (CD,F) (C Wacker II) Mrs J Cecil 8-1.

EXECUTIVE SPIRIT (D) (T Rowley) D Sasse 9-1.

312240- LANGTONIAN 227 (D,G) (R Peeblee) J Berry 9-1.

(9) 2143-01 POWER LAKE 6 (F,G) (A Budge Ltd) R Hampon 9-1.

(7) 1154-4 TROVE 40 (B,D,F,G) (D Cooper) Mrs N Macquiey 9-1.

(3) 4320-40 BOBZAO 13 (D,S) (T MRs Ltd) W Carler 8-11.

8 (4) 00 9 (5) BETTING: 7-4	122-4 SHATI 12 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11
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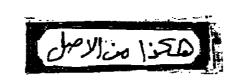
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Championship newcomers forced to endure a cold and unrewarding day in the field

Durham's bowling problems exposed

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM (second day of four): Leicestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 146 runs ahead of

WHAT with housing one of the FA Cup finalists, the British ice hockey champions and cricket's glamorous debutants, the north-east has never known such palmy sporting days. If a reminder of life's more prosaic tendency was required, yesterday's events at the Durham University ground were ideal.

This was humdrum cricket in a near-hurricane. The westerly howled and gusted down the ground, removing bails and caps, tugging at the tent-pegs and even overturning a sightscreen as Durham had their worst fears amplified. Their bowling was inef-fective and their fielding accident-prone.
Leicestershire set out their

stall to obtain a lead of 200 and might have been close but for the rain and sleet which cut 70 minutes from the evening session. In the event, Tim Boon made a wor-thy century and Ben Smith, just 20, a career-best 82 not

It was, in mitigation, a day to sympathise with any team condemned to field, let alone one with as many ageing, creaking joints as Durham. Bowling into the gale was a test of endurance and, until the new ball was taken after tea, only the spinners tried.

The captain. Graveney, has a back condition but he manfully conquered his aches and took the first wicket after an hour. Potter chipping to short Botham bowled for 80 min-

utes at start of play but did not feature again. He did have the first of the day's chances missed, a tough legside catch to Scott, who should later have stumped Boon, then 102, off Graveney. Boon was also dropped at mid-off when 83 and Wells cut Brown through the hands of Hughes at back-

ward point. The lead was achieved from the first ball after lunch but Leicestershire were briefly in recession when Berry dismissed Boon and Hepworth

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings Potter c Jones b Gravener
F Smith not out
J Wells tow b Brown
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J Persone not out



Job well done: Jarvis, Yorkshire's nightwatchman, made a career-best 62

Morris ioins openers' party

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ENGLAND did not think it worthwhile taking a second specialist opening barsman on tour last winter, but the three who went with the A team to the Caribbean have beguin the new season in splendid form.

Darren Bicknell and Mar-

tin Moxon had already scored centuries and yesterday it was the turn of Hugh Morris, of Glamorgan, whose 146 against Middlesex at Lord's was the 26th threefigure score of his career. Morris carried a heavy re-sponsibility for Glamorgan were so short of batting that Robert Croft was No. 3. But he made 51 of a partnership of 173 with Morris, who was run out after exactly five hours and hitting 19 fours.

Hampshire might have built up a mammoth total against Sussex had not rain caused the loss of the afternoon session, which forced Nicholas to declare at 468 for two, after Robin Smith had added a century to those al-ready scored by Terry and Middleton. The closure cut off Gower in full flow at 55.

Good bowling by Watkinson for Lancashire reduced Keat to 167 for six at Old Trafford but Marsh and Davis ended any threat of the follow-on with a stand of 115. Graham Rose performed a similar service for Somerset against Gloucestershire after they had run into trouble against Martyn Ball's off spin at Taunton

Essex bowled out Cambridge University for 75 at Fenner's but batted again, and one of their bright young

want to lose it.'

Bath develop a system that beats the house

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOW many times this season have spectators, leav-ing a match after watching Bath play, expressed the thought that the West Countrymen were not what they used to be? Yet here they are again, winners of the Courage Clubs Championship, setting the standard for others to aspire to: since 1984 there has been only one season, 1988, in which they have not lifted league, cup or both.

That is a remarkable

record in any sport; in a non-professional sport, with the limitations that entails, it is truly outstand-ing and the wonderful thing about it is that Bath's appe-tite seems inexhaustible. Young players, recognising the quality of preparation and the attitude of mind, are drawn and the good ones — those that are pre-pared to accept a punishing workload and serve their time in the second XV -

It is Andy Robinson's contention that the yard-stick by which clubs are idged is the trophies won but the Bath captain is too wily a bird to believe that is the whole truth. Bath's concern has always been for the development of the whole player, and the whole team, and not merely the winning of pots. Thus, it is that such talented players as John Mallett and Gareth Adams stand waiting in the wings, learning their craft from such old-stagers as Richard Lee or David Egerton, so that when they the their place in Bath's take their place in Bath's league XV they are ready.

"In time, players like Gareth will get their chance

to show they are worthy of a Bath place, and possibly an England place. Robinson said after his team had come from behind to take the championship. "It's getting into the whole ethos of what rugby is about, and it's about winning. You get the taste and you don't

But the point about Bath in 1991-2, a season contracted by the World Cup.

is that they have so seldom

let their skills slip. In league matches over the last six weeks there have been a lot of tired players and, in consequence, unsatisfactory games, some of them compounded by a standard of refereeing that has not kept pace with the speed and physical directness that the modern game entails.

Bath, though, have paced themselves well. Robinson, for example, who has not been required for many representative games. played his 23rd club match on Saturday, not so long ago he might have played more than 40.

They have had injuries: to Egerton, John Hall. Adedayo Adebayo and Audley Lumsden, but have been able to cover. Other the hour comparings been clubs have sometimes been able to match them at for-ward but, this season, have been out-manoeuvred behind the scrum because Bath have taken their back play a stage further, aided by the coaching of Brian

But throughout the nat-ional divisions quality re-mains uneven. The skill factor does not equal the intensity of competition: significant advances have been made by Northampton, by Saracens, by London Scottish (whose players looked as fresh as daistes in winning the Worthington patiental sevens thington national sevens on Sunday, a tribute to the conditioning given them by Alan and Margot Wells and by West Harrlepool (though there are fears in the North-East that they may not have the formets in the top to compete in the top

flight).

But few clubs have good decision-makers. When the decision-makers. When the pace of the game increases, time to exploit opportunities is reduced, hence the reversion by many sides to a hit-and-hope policy, or a forward grind which eliminates mistakes but, at a time when so many youngsters seek to play the game, is joyless to watch and, unis joyless to watch and, unless rewarded by consistent success, to play in.

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Memorable day for Jarvis

BY JACK BAILEY

Lamb raises temperature

WORCESTER (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 141 runs behind

A COLD, blustery day and "nothing pitch" — just enough help for the seam bowlers to make batsmen wary, not enough pace to cause grave concern to those intent on staying and grafting - ensured few heroics and a continuation of the same pattern of attrition which governed the play on Saturday. This seems certain to be a match which will go the distance. The four-day format might have been invented for it. Only two batsmen have ris-

en above the conditions: Hick for Worcestershire and, vesterday. Lamb for Northamptonshire. Lamb's mixture of studied belligerence and obdurate defence gave Northamptonshire the edge on a day which saw only 272 runs scored and Lamb make 86 of them. Two sixes off Stemp and nine fours, chiefly the result of punchy strokes

square of the wicket, bore

testimony to his occasional pugnacity. For the most part, though it was a question of watchful defence, against Newport especially. Newport followed a useful innings in the morning by taking all four Northamptonshire wickets.

Predictably enough, each of his victims battled their way to double figures before falling to a mistimed stroke and being caught, all but Bailey, somewhere behind The Worcestershire rail had

wagged sturdily, continuing the sequence in which all their baismen reached double figures except Stemp, the last man, who was well within sight of them when he was left four: Surrey, with eight first-stranded at the end.

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are

Newport played well 489 runs behind Yorkshire enough to justify resentment at being included as a member of the nether regions, but the spectator, there could be no progress was limited to barely mistaking that this was fourmore than two an over Capel's boundless enthusi-

asm dragged most life from the pitch. He was rewarded with three more wickets, finishing with five, and owing one — that of Dilley — to a beautifully timed low swoop to his left by Bailey at second slip. Dilley emerged to bowl well, for a time, conceding only 19 runs in his opening spell of nine overs.

His long saga of proneness to injury continues, however. Called on for a second spell. he limped off after two overs and did not appear after tea. An ankle operated on in the winter seems to have been the cause.

day cricket. Yorkshire had it in mind to build an unassailable total, and build they did. Declaring just short of 500, they had both Surrey openers out before rain ended play prematurely. Yorkshire's difficulty, not

intractable since Tendulkar arrives today, is that four batsmen in their upper order are essentially openers. If you include Blakey, many of whose initial matches were spent establishing the innings rather than pushing it along, their sluggish scoring becomes more understandable.

Of these openers, Moxon inadvertently will be the one

the start of England's A tour, he had his right index finger fractured by Bryson on Saturday and will not play for a fortnight. His century on the

By Ivo Tennant

to make way for Tendulkar.

opening day had given York-shire more than merely a base to their innings. In April bowlers can expect to find some grassy pitches, but not at the Oval. Bryson, full of heart on his championship debut, discovered that the faster he attempted to bowl. the less receptive the conditions. Without, for a variety of

reasons, Martin Bicknell, Feltham and Medlycott, Surrey were bent on containment. Stewart rotated his seamers, not using Kendrick, his sole spinner, until mid-afternoon. By then, Yorkshire had made indeterminate progress. Kellett, like Pickles and Grayson later in the day, was

ring. Blakey made 12 in 18 overs at a time when the captain would have been looking for someone to throw Nonetheless, in such a total

rarely able to pierce the inner

there will always be vivid mo-ments. Jarvis, the nightwatchman on Saturday, made a career-best score of 62 with eight fours by dint of simply applying himself. Grayson batted with similar proficiency, making a halfcentury for the first time. After that, Carrick became

only the second current county cricketer to reach 10.000 first-class runs and take 1,000 first-class wickets. The other all-rounder is, of course, Botham. Yorkshire declared immediately. Before rain ended play with 11 overs re-maining, Jarvis removed Darren Bicknell for a duck and Gough beat Alikhan, who was only half forward.

Clay strikes fine form downpour at Chilham in

Kent

CYCLING

JON Clay, who starts the defence of his Scottish Provident League city centre title in two weeks, put 1,000 miles of recent racing in Italy to good use when he beat the former world champion, Tony Doyle, at the weekend (Peter Bryan writes).

The organisers of the VC Elan am-pro race, originally scheduled for 98 miles, took pity on the unexpectedly low entry of 31 and reduced the distance to 72 miles because of cold winds and a steady

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BOWLING: Johnson 10-1-27-1; Jenkins 6-0-24-1; P M Crawley 5-0-39-0; Penson 17-4-19-0; Kemp 10-1-42-0; Wight 5-1-22-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First

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· Second Innings

Umpires: R Julien and P Willey.
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into a useful lead of around 30 seconds and although Clay let his rival wind up through the last corner with 200m to go, he saved his efforts for another five seconds and won the sprint to gain his first victory of the season. His next race is this week's 350-mile tour of Lancashire, in which he was a stage winner last year.

> Cup plans run into

HOCKEY

difficulties By ALIX RAMSAY

ENGLAND'S new recruits

came through their first challenge victorious, unscathed and wiser players after win-ning the home countries women's championship for the first time in four years by beating Scotland and Wales and drawing with Ireland. The England squad bears little relation to the side that won the European champ-ionship last season with 13 players now called up to

The England management team is looking to rebuild for the 1994 World Cup and the home countries was the first rung on the ladder to that goal. However, the manager, Jenny Cardwell, and the players realise there is much work to be done. Cardwell and the coach,

Sue Slocombe, are waiting to see which players return to the England fold after Barcelona before making any deci-

because we all want the same players to work with."

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Pontefract Going: good (good to fem last 6/)

2.45 (5) 1. Crested Wave (A Munro. 9-4 lav). 2. Swittet (7-1), 3. Plum First (11-2) 15 nan NR Public Way 21, 11-11 P Chapple Hyam Tole C 90, E1 60, 52-40. E1 90 DF C16 00 C3F E19 41 3.15 (Im 41 8yd) 1, Sea Paddy (H Bestiman, 8 1) 2 Grey Commander (100-30 tav), 3, Camolis Maic (8-1) 15 ran NR Atlantic Way Needwood Poppy 31 3*4 R Bastiman Toto 2300 2150, E110 C3 20, E1 40 DF E11.50, CSF £35.67 Tricast

3 45 (6) 1. Windpower (G Carter 6-1) 2 Pagebov (10-1) 3. Taufan Plu (5-1) Don't Smile 5-2 fav 13 ran NR Early Star In-dian Endeavour 3'til 1'ni Borry Toto 15-40, 12-20-13-20-11-90 DF 138-10 CSF 167-68 Tricast 1-306-63 4.15 (fm 2f 6pd) 1. Duke Of Eurolink (L Delton 5 1) 2. Suez Canal (8-2) 3, Moo-tawel (6 1) Monity Mc 3 1 fav 12 ran Ne. 3 L Cuman: Tote E00, C180, C180, C3 70 DF E19 20 CSF C38 08

4.45 (2m St 122yd) 1. Patroclus (Paul Edder), 13-2), 2 Premier Princess (100-30 lav) 3 Suvez Mis (16-1) 15 (an NR Somer-saulting 11-1, 41 R toorspury Tote £7-40 £2 10, £2-30, £11-20 0F £12-40 CSF £28-02 Trical £3:18-96 5 15 (1m 4yd) 1 Badawi (6 Cochrane, 5 1), 2 Safa (9-4 lav), 3, Tanhith (3-1) 7 ran 3) 2 1) 3 Gooden, Tate (4-50 52-40 61 40 DF: C4-60 CSF 616-05 Placepot: E211.90.

Wolverhampton Going: good

2.00 (1m 4/ 70yd) 1, Prosequendo (Dele Gibson, 12-1); 2, Woodwalter (9-2), 3, Molly Splean (16-1) Honpot 1-2 fav 12 ma 2½1, 3½1 M Dwan Tele, £13.90 £2.60, £1.40, £3.90 DF £29.50 CSF

2.30 (7) 1, Millist (V Bray, 16-1), 2, Debey Do (15-2); 3, Mass Duody (8-1); 4, Cak Apple (11-1), Milborne (30-30 fav 17 ran M, shind, B Hanbury Tote (20-50, 03-40, 01-20, 02-50, 04-50, DF (345-00, CSF-01-20, 03-60, 04-50, DF (345-00, CSF-01-21, 05, Tricast (594)-44

3.00 (5f) 1, Peptie Lass (N Gwilliams, 12-1); 2, Convenient Moment (9-1), 3, Tudela (16-1) Usam's Ledy 7-4 fav. 16 ran Nii, 11 W Carter Tote: E23-80, 22-90, 12-50, 13-90 DF £48-40 CSF-£102-25. 3.30 (1m 200yd) 1. Rockawhile (Pat Eddery, 4-11 lav), 2. Goliche (5-2); 3. Spot The Dove (86-1) 3 ran Shihd, 61 H Cech Tote, £1.50 DF: £1 10 CSF £1 41 After a

4.00 (1m 4/ 70yd) 1, Discord (Pat Edgery, 13-8 fey); 2, Emptre Blue (5-2), 3, Rushkyan (20-1), 12 ran 1*51, 17 Lord Hunting-den, Tota 62 50, 61 60, 61 60, 61 10 pf. C5-20, CSF, 65 07

4.30 (55) 1, Cradle Days (W Carson, 15-8 fav), 2, Wo're Alf Game (10-1), 3, High Principles (11-1), 11 ran. 2, 57 ft Hannon Tota (3.50; 52.20), 12.70, 13.00 DF 58.50, CSF: £19.00

5.00 (1m) 1, Lady Lacey (Dale Gibson, 10-1), 2, Foolish Touch (12-1); 3, Veloce (10-1); 4, On Y Ve (13-2) Causley 11-2 fev 19 ran NF-Lazy Rhythm 14, Int. 6 Balding Tole £7.00, £2.00, £3.50, £1.20, £2.70 DF £41.60, CSF £116.30 Yricast; £1,137.54 E1.13/.54 5.30 (Im 6! 134yd) 1. Zealous Kitten (T Sprake, 16-1), 2. Broom iste (11-1), 3. Needwood Muppet (11-8 lav) 14 ran 51 2'4! 8 Price Tote £23 00; £2 40, £4 80, £1 10 DF £58 10 CSF £161.20 Tricest. £285 13

Placepot: £145.00. Windsor

Going: good to firm

5.50 (1m 21 7yd) 1, Abringdon Flyer (J. Red. 11-4 fav) 2, Shoonom (5-1), 3, Vannoy (15-2), 17 rain Nr. 51 R Hannon Tote, £1360, £140 £170 £250 DF**
C5-90 CSF £18-90 After a stewards' enquiry, rasult shoot 6-15-151 10yo) 1 Niche 13 Reid, 8-1) 2, Tioman Island (11-2), 3. The Informat (9-4 fav) 14 rain Ms. risk R Hannon Tote 27-60* £1-90, £2-50, £1-50, DF £33-00 CSF £54-76

Hexham

5 45 (2m hote) 1, Hypnotest (N Bentley, 6-4 fav), 2, Conting Alive (33-1), 3, Lowing Omon (3-1) 21 ran 41, 21 w Sentley Tote 52 00, 51-50, no dividend, 52.50 DF 5189 50 CSF 535 11

☐ The champion jockey Pat Eddery had a lucky escape from injury at Wolverhampion yesterday when Access Supreme's off-fore fetlock snapped after three furlongs of the Levy Board Seventh

Race Handicap when among

the back-markers. ☐ The first-season trainer Mark Dixon, based at Epsom. opened his winning account on the Flat when Prosequendo swooped late to land the first division of the claimer at Wolverhampton

Blinkered first time BATH, 2.00 Weekend Girl, 4.30 Arctic Circle NOTTINGHAM, 2.15 Mash Tho Tea 2.45 Trove, 3.45 Stratford Lady, 4.15

POINT-TO-POINT

Ah-Rule survives blunders

By Brian Beel HEATHER McCaull survived two bad mistakes on Ah-Rule before taking command in The Times championship qualifier at the Teme Valley point-to-point on Saturday.

Of late, the Teme Valley has not had much success in obtaining nunners for its members' race so Ann Price entered all five from her yard and ran three of them, including the 16-year-old Lonesome Park. All got round safely with The Wooden Hut taking the honours.

Riverboat Queen. a mare that likes hard ground, won The Times race at the York and Ainsty. Only two finished, from a

field of nine, in the qualifier at the East Sussex and Romney Marsh. After The Lager Lout fell two out, Magical Morris went on to win unchallenged. Chris Gordon rode the only other finisher. Country Vet, but he had an otherwise successful afternoon, winning on Positive Influence, Please

Explain and Reggie. Jon Trice-Rolph outrode lim Tarry in the open at the Berks and Bucks when Contradeal beat Saybright in a virtual match.

This was his second of three winners at the meeting but he missed a four-timer when he relinquished his usual ride on Quickest Mist in favour of OM Ward, M.A.Lynch, N.M.Kandrick, †N.F. Sargeant, R.E. Bryson, A.J. Murphy, J.E. Banjamin to bat Miss Crabapple in the maiden. She pulled up while, ALL OF WICKETS 1-0 2-8 under Joan Johnston. Quickest Mist won at 25-1. Bonus points. Surrey 1. Yorkshire 4

Britannic Assurance county championship Hampshire v

Sussex SOUTHAMPTON (second day of lour) Sussex, with nine hist-immigs wickets in hand, are 418 runs behind Hampshire

Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 2) 12 BOWLING. Stephenson 23-8-53-0. Robson 33-8-94-1, Jones 25-3-96-1, Propti 22-2-1-95-0. Donetan 31-5-90-0. Greenfield 11-0-36-0

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C C Remy c James b Connor
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Bonus points. Hampshire 4, Sussex 0. Umpires; M J Kitchen and R Paimer Surrey v Yorkshire

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Score after 100 overs 311-3 FALL OF WICKETS 1-221 2-242 3-253, 4-347, 5-358, 6-378, 7-482, 8-482 9-494 BOWLING Bryson 38-9-120-0. Benamin 44-13-107-3; Murphy 41 4-9-121-1, Kandrick 35-10-89-4; Thorpe 9-2-44-0. SURREY; First Impings Total (2 wkts, 3.2 overs)

Middlesex v Glamorgan LORD'S (second day of four): Glamorgan, with seven first-mings wickels in hand, are 86 runs behind Middleesk MEDOLESEX: First Innings 341 (M W Gatting 170, J E Emburey 57, S Bastlen 5 for 95)

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S P James c Weekes b Headley
H Morris run cut
R D B Croft b Emburey
N P Maymard not out
D L Hemp not out
Extras (b 11, to 8, nb 5)

Bonus points: Middlesex 5, Glamo: Umpires JD Bond and JW Molde Somerset v Gloucestershire

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A N Haynurst libw b Babington
G T J Townsend libw b Basi
C J Tavaren b Basi
J Harden b Basi
R J Bartiett c Russell b Vaughan
K H MacLavy c Russell b Vaughan
G D Rose not out
A Payna not out Total (7 wkts, 98 overs) . .. A R Caddick and H R J Trump to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-97, 2-114, 3-140, 4-147, 5-151, 6-167, 7-234 Bonus points Somersel 5. Gloucestershire 4 Umpires D J Constant and D R Shephard

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YESTERDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-89, 3-125, 4-132, 5-250, 6-264, 7-295, 6-306, 9-326, BOWLING: Taylor 35-11-60-2; Curran 33-10-62-1; Walter 29-86-1; Waltans 12-1-41-1; Capel 26.1-8-61-5; Roberts 1-0-4-0.

NORTHABLETONBURRE: First Irrilings
A Fordham c Rhodes b Newport 3
N A Felton c Hick b Newport 7
R J Batley o Seymout b Newport 7
A J Lamb not out 8
D J Capel c Moodly b Newport 2
K M Curran not out 2
Extres (b 4, b 2, nb 3) Total (4 wkts, 75 overs) 204
R G Williams, A R Roberts, †D Ripley, A
Walker and J P Taylor to bal.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-58, 3-97, 4155.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White. Lancashire v Kent OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashira, with eight accord-intringe mokels in hand, are 208 runs ahead of Kent

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P Davis not out Total (7 wists dec. 97 overs) Pigglesden and M J McCague ded not FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-142, 3-142, 4-144, 5-156, 6-167, 7-282. BOWLING: DeFrentas 18-3-47-1; Martin 24-6-54-2; Morraon 14-1-63-0, Barnett 20-3-56-0; Watkinson 21-6-80-4. Bonus points Lancashire 7, Kent 7. Umpres: B Leadbester and A G 1 Whitehead

Other match Cambridge Univ : v Essex FENNERS (second day of three): Cambridge Utimersity, with six second-trivings wickets in hand, need 436 runs to be at Essay

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Great Britain's Olympic squad. R M Wight, P M Crawley, †J P Rescott, T Kemp, M E D Jarrett, R M Pearson and R H J Jenkins to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-38, 3-41.

> sions for 1994. But the preparations could

> run into trouble. There is the European indoor championship next year and the England Under-21 run-up to the European Under-21 Cup in 1993. "Our under-21 players are showing great potential but they need more senior experience to become World Cup prospects," Cardwell said. "We're going to have our problems next season

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United's traumas

Chance for Webb

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FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN MOSCOW NEIL Webb, the casualty of a cold war at Manchester United, is to recuperate with the England B team. Discarded by his club, he will be one of the freshest members of the line-up selected to play against the Commonwealth of Independent States here this evening in Torpedo Moscow's stadium.

The future of Webb, aged 28. at Old Trafford has been far less assured ever since last month when he revealed that he was not injured when he was withdrawn from En-gland's trip to Czechoslovakia. That verbal indiscretion cost him his place and, ultimately, perhaps, it may also have cost United the title.

The most enterprising of their midfield players, he has had to sit and watch his colleagues yield their advantage over Leeds United, who were crowned as champions on Sunday. Omitted for the defeats at West Ham United and Liverpool, he describes the experience as the most disheartening of his club

Yesterday he received some compensation and a personal

only by what he does in my teams," England's manager said. "If he is dropped or plays badly for two or three games, that will not necessar-

lly affect my opinion." Webb was greatly relieved. When he ruptured his Achilles tendon in Sweden three years ago, his international prospects had apparently snapped with it. It has taken a long time, extra training and belief in his own ability to complete his recovery and regain the necessary standard

Yet when he was rewarded by being restored to the England squad, Alex Ferguson denied him the opportunity to go to Prague. The two have scarcely spoken since and Webb—who still has a year to run on his contract, intends to initiate talks probably after the European Championship finals in June.

He appeared in the last tournament, in West Germany four years ago, and could yet play a role again in Sweden. Taylor stressed that tonight's significantly experienced group — who have col-lected 130 full caps between

sociates at Old Trafford. would doubtless have been a leading candidate for international honours had his progress also not been interrupted by injury. The winger who helped United win the European Cup Winners' Cup last season, has appeared only once as a substitute for the senior England side.

The only uncapped players in today's B side are Jobson, of Oldham Athletic, and Dicks, of West Ham United, the only recognised left-back in the enlarged party of 34. The indications are that the role will be occupied tomorrow night either by Keown in a conventional back four or, if there are three central defenders, by Sinton.

The occasion would have been ideal for Dorigo, who has been forced to wait for so long in the shadow of Pearce, who is now injured. Yet the understudy, aged 26, com-plained of a slight hamstring strain after Leeds's decisive victory at Sheffield United.

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reassurance from Graham them — have "a very good chance of making it". Papin leaves Marseilles with championship in the bank

BEFORE a hushed crowd of 50,000, Jean-Pierre Papin ended an era in French football on Saturday. He announced that he is joining AC Milan at the end of the season and, in doing so, signalled the break-up of the brilliant Marseilles team that has reigned surpreme in France since the mid-Eighties. His parting gift was the club's fourth

successive league title.
Before Marseilles final home game of the season. Papin took the field and confirmed what everybody in the stadium knew already — that he was heading for the emassembled in Milan in a deal worth £8 million.

"I wanted to tell you that I will play for Milan next seahe told supporters. 'Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never forget you." Nor they him: 120 goals in 135 matches in the stadium had helped create a rare rapport between Papin and the crowd since he joined the club in 1986.

Having made his announcement, nothing was more predictable than Papin scoring yet another goal in his final home game as Mar-seilles, needing a point to win the title, beat the afternoon's fall-guys, Cannes. He scored the first — and his 121st — in a 2-0 victory that equalled St Etienne's record of four consecutive championships. He will play out the rest of the season in France before head-

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL BY PETER ROBINSON

ing for Italy.

Already, the rebuilding has begun. Zvonomir Boban, Miian's Croatian midfield player, is moving to Marseilles as part of the Papin deal. Aged 25, three years younger than the Frenchman, he will form part of what Bernard Tapie, the club's president, hopes will be a younger, fresher, more vigorous team. Unforbeen on loan at Bari this season, has just contracted

viral hepatitis. The departures from Mar-seilles will also include Chris Waddle, Abedi Pelé, Carlos Mozer and, perhaps, Trevor Steven, who is in dispute with the club over an allegedly

unpaid signing on fee. While Marseilles were renaining their crown, so too were PSV Eindhoven who, under Bobby Robson, the former England manager, claimed their seventh Dutch title in eight seasons with a 3-0 win at FC Groningen. It was also the second championship in Robson's two years

in charge, a notable achievement even if it has not been enough to keep Robson in a job. He is being replaced by ironically. Hans Westerhof, the Groningen coach, during the summer.

Next season, Robson begins a coaching stint at Sporting Lisbon in Portugal where, at the weekend, FC Porto became the third continental club to win its league. A last-minute goal gave Porto a 2-1 win over Salguieros to open a ten-point lead over Benfica with three games of the campaign to go.

The Bundesliga remains ide open after a weekend in which the leading clubs all played each other. VIB Stattgart's 4-2 defeat of Borussia Dortmand was not enough. however, to lift them above Eintracht Frankfurt, who beat Bayer Leverkasen 3-1.

In Italy. Papin's future employers took a close look at another player they hope to acquire soon, GianLuigi Lentini, aged 23, the emerging Torino forward they are looking to sign for £10 million. The two sides drew 2-2, which hardly dented Milan's easy progress to the Serie A crown. Torino meet Ajax in the Uefa Cup final first leg tomorrow.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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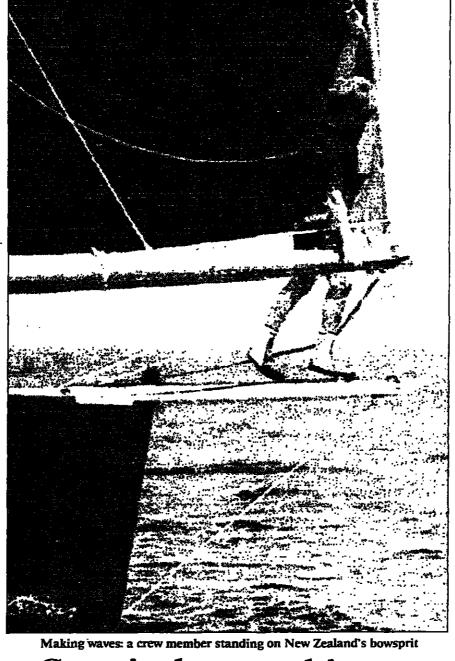
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Cup rivals are gybing at New Zealand's tactics

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

be attached at all.

Paul Cayard, the skipper

of Il Moro de Venezia, ques-

tions whether New Zealand

should win the trials using a sail system that will be

outlawed in the America's

Cup. "I feel that the Louis Vuitton jury has shown a blatant misuse of their dis-

THE BOWSPRIT

UNDER PROTEST

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THE America's Cup is embroiled in dispute again. This time the controversy centres on a 37-inch bow sprit protruding from the New Zealand yacht, which leads Italy's Il Moro di Venezia 3-2 in the best-of-nine challenger finals.

The bowsprit is not ille-gal: the issue centres on the way the New Zealanders have been using it to such good effect to fly their downwind sails. The advantages are many. The twopart surchase attached at the end of the bowsprit to tension the luff of the sail trolling the gennaker when gybing. When the spinna-ker pole is released and changed from one side of the bow to the other, the sail continues to pull and is

less likely to snag.
Also, because the bow sprit takes most of the compression load, the engineer-ing of the boat's bow is lighter, a saving of up to 35kg.
The other competitors

consider it is illegal. But the issue has been confused by opposing rulings from two amateur juries which rule on this \$300 million event. One judges the Louis Vuitton challenger trials,

the other the America's Cup itself. The first has ruled that the New Zeacretion." Cayard said. "! am not satisfied and feel that the outcome of the landers may not use the whole challenger trials are line attached to the bowin doubt." The New Zealanders say sprit when gybing; the America's Cup jury has ruled that the line may not

that, with the exception of the eight-second mix-up when they used the bow-sprit line during a gybe in a race from which they were disqualified, they have competed according to the challenger rules. Of greatest concern is the

fact that the Americans, who are worried by the speed advantages dis-played by the New Zealand barred from the Cup, should Rod Davis and his crew qualify. Tom Ehman, the general

manager for the defenders, has already sided with the Italians. Yesterday, Dennis Conner and his defender rival, Bill Koch, joined him. The Cup rules state that if the challenging yacht is found by the international jury for the America's Cup to be ineligible, the yacht placed second in the trials

will be named. If that arises because two juries cannot agree on rules governing the same event, the America's Cup will be held to ridicule.

BOWLS

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Roseno Cen-iral 1, Cusimes 0, Racing Club 0 Platénse 1. Gimnasia Esgirma La Pata 3, Argentinos Juniara 2, Bedgrano 1 Sas Lorenzo de Almagno 1 Vélez Saustiela 1 Talleros 0 Forro Carril Ceste 1 Estudiantes de la Plata 0, Deportino Español 1, Independiente 0, Deportino Mandiyu 0, Neirell s Old Boys 0, Huracian 1, River Plate 1, Leading positions (atter ten matchos): 1, Boda Juniora, 17, 2, Newell's Old Boys, 16, 3, Platense, 15 AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Champonelius

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BELGIAN LEAGUE: KV Mochelen 0 Andellecht 0 RSC Charters 4, Asks 0 Beveren 0 FC Lége 4, Standard Lége 2 Royal Antwerp 0, AA Ghent 2, Rasing Gent 0 Corete Bruges 1, Kornijk 0 Rwo Molembeek 2, Lerse 2, Waregom 1, FC Bruges, 46pts 2, Anderlecht 45, 3 Standard Lége, 42 BRAZILIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE Albèlico Mineso 1, Portugues 8, Dania 4, Paysanda 0, Bostafogo 2, Santos 0 Bragantino 0, Visaco de Gama 0 Corintiuras 1, Internacional 1, Flamengo 1, Sport 2, Gass 1, São Paulo 1, Pamenas 1, Cruzero Mineso 0, Despecto 15, 22pt 2, Santos 0 Bragantino 0, Visaco de Gama 0 Corintiuras 1, Internacional 1, Flamengo 1, Sport 2, Gass 1, São Paulo 1, Pamenas 1, Cruzero Mineso 0, Bostafogo 2, Santos 0 Bragantino 0, Visaco de Gama 0 Corintiuras 1, Internacional 1, Flamengo 1, Sport 2, Gass 1, São Paulo 1, Pamenas 1, Cruzero Mineso 0, Bostafogo 1, Pamenas 1, Cruzero Mineso 0, Bosto 0, Ettr 0, Lohomotiv Gome Oryshovits 1, Minyor 1, CAF CUP: First round: Second leg ASMO (Gaboo) 5, AS Kaloum (Gumea) 1 (ASMO ven 5-4 on agg), Pepis African Siars (Namiba) 0, Mbongo Sports 1, Zare) 2 (Mbongo Sports 1, Santo Eosto 1, Siara 2, Andreice (Gana) 1, Siara 5 on agg), Pepis African Republich 1, SC Gagnos (Wory Cass) 0 (Gagnos wm 3-1 on agg), Pepis African Republich 1, Sc Gagnos (Wory Cass) 0 (Gagnos wm 3-1 on agg), Sporta Mineso 1, Leading positions (after 12 malches); 1, Leading Doulis Bastars (Pan) 1, Pan Posov 2, Unise North 1, Pan Posov 2, Pan

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1903 Copenhagen 0, AGF Aarmus 1, AaB
Aalborg 0, Naestwed 3, Sikleborg 0
Leading positions (arter si- matches): 1,
Frem Copenhagen, 19pts, 2, Lyngby, 18;
3, BK 1903 Copenhagen, 18
DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Groningen 0, PSV
Eindhoven 3: Ajax 3, VVV Venio 1, Writter
1 Tilburg 3, RKC Washwik 1, De
Graafschap Doesmochem 1, MVV Masstricht 1: FC Urrecht 0, Feyenoord 0,
Fortuna Sittard 4, FC Volendam 1: Sparta
Notterdam 1, SVV/Dordrecht '90 1, FC
Don Hang 6, Roda JC Kerkrade 3,
Twente Enschede 1: Viresse Amhem 2
Leading positions: 1, PSV Endhoven
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FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseilles 2.
Cannes 0, Le Havre 3, AS Monaco 0,
Lens 1, Paris Santi-Germain 0; Sochiaux
2. Caen 0, Auszere 1, Lille 0; Nancy 3,
Montpellier 1, St Etierne 0, Renner 1,
Nanies 3, Lyons 0; Toulouse 3, Toulon 0,
Arres 1, Metz 0, Leading positions
(after 37 marches): 1, Marseilles, Sóptis
2, AS Monaco, 51, 3, Paris SantiGerman, 46, Marseilles Champions German, 45. Marseilles champions
GERMAN LEAGUE: Fortuna Disseldor
1, Dynamo Dresden 3. SC Wattenscheid
1, Nuremberg 1, Hansa Rostock 0, VIL
Bochum 2, VIB Stuttgart 4, Borussa
Dortmund 2, Borussa Monchengladbach
1, Bayern Murnch 1, Bayer Leverhusen 1,
Eintracht Frankfurt 3, MSV Dussburg 0,
Hamburger SV 1, SC harlsruhe 2,
Kaiserslautern 1, Werder Bremen 1,
Cologne 3, Schafike 04, 5 tuttgarter
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PORTUGUESE LEAGUE. Boards 4. Salgueros 0. FC Porto 1. Bora-Mar 2. Bontos 1. Sporting Liston 3. Torreense 0. Fatenso 2. Estoni 0. Gil Veceta 1. Pacos da Forrera 2. Penalud 1. Famancão 1; Vitoria Guinarães 3. CS. Mardimo 1. Umao Funcias 0. Sporting Braga 2. Leading poetions 1. FC Porto piaved 31. Sporting Liston 31, 41. FC Porto champions.

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2. TURKISH LEAGUE: Besiktas 3

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Bakirkoyspor 1. Samsunspor 1.

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Gencerbring 3, Fererbaince 2, Saryer 4.

Adana Demirspor 1. Boluspor 0.

Galatasaray 2 Avdinspor 3, Bursaspor 1.

Besiktas, 68pts, 2. Fenerbaince, 62, 3

Galatasaray, 57

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ham 0, Guyana 1, Sunnam 2. Second
leg: Antiga 3, Netherlands Antillas 0
(Antiga win 34 on agg)
YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Rad Belgrade 4,
Proleter Zersjann 0, Radnoch No. 1,
Borac Banja Luha 0 Sutjeska Nikac 2,
Vardar Skope 1, OFK Belgrade 2,
Buduchost Pedgorica 1, Spariak Subotica 2, Zemun Bolgrado 0, Vojvodna
Novi Sad 3, Red Star Belgrade 1,
Postponad: FK Sarsevo v Pelister Bitoly
Partisan Belgrade v Schooda Turta, Velez
Mostar v Zeleznicar Leading positions:
1, Red Star Belgrade 28, 39, 3, Vojvodina
Novi Sad, 29, 34

FOR A TRUE SECRETARY

Goodison Park is a likely draw venue

largest number of draws last Saturday, with five of the nine games finishing all square. It is difficult to see a repeat this week and Everton v Chelsea is the only match with sound treble chance prospects. Neither side has played to its potential this season and draws have been more plenti-

In the second division, I am tipping Plymouth Argyle, in need of points, to frustrate the attempts of Blackburn Rovers to gain a place in the play-offs by sharing the spoils at Home

For a team in such a high position, Derby County's home record is nothing special and Swindon Town can play for except pride.

Saturday May 2 unless stated FIRST DIVISION

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1 Arsonal v South pton

1 A Valla v Coventry

X Everion v Chelsea

2 Notis Co v Lutan

1 QPR v C Palace

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Norwich Manchester United v Tottennam. Oldham

v Manchester City. Sheffeld Wednesday v Liverpool

SECOND DIVISION SECOND DIVISION
2 Bristof R v Charlion
X Derby v Swindon
1 Ipswich v Brighten
1 Leiesster v Netwcasile
1 Milwall v Southend
X Prymouth v Blackbum
1 Portsmouth v Barrsley
X Port Vale v Grimsby
2 Sunderland v Camb'ge
2 Trannere v O-slord
1 Wattord v Bristol C THIRD DIVISION

Chester v Leyton O

X Darington v Eveler

2 Futhern v Bradford C

I Hartlepool v Bourn'm'th

1 Hudd field v Torquay

1 Huff v Swensea

X Peterboro v Brentlord

X Preston v Bury

1 Reading v Wigen

Not on expresses Befford v Not on coupons: Botton v Sloke, Shrewsbury v West Bromwich, Stockporl v Brmingham

FOURTH DIVISION 1 Burnley v Wrexham
1 Burnley v Wrexham
1 Doncaster v Maidstone
1 Gillingham v Halitax
1 Lincoln v Blackpool
X Mansfield v Rochdele
1 Rotherham v Chestfield
1 Scunthorpe v Carilisle
2 Welsall v Crewe

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE X Slough v Macclesfild

Westord, Hudderstield, Hull. Burnley, Gillingham Scunthorpe, Telford, Heests, Dundee. FIXED ODDS: Homes: Ipswich, Huddersfield, Hull, Burnley, Scunthorpe. Avrays: Luton, Nottingham Forest, Barner. Draws: Plymouth, Derington, Mansheld TREBLE CHANCE (home learns) Eventon, Derby, Plymouth, Port Vale, Darlington, Peterborough, Monsfield, Slough, Motherwell, Stirting, Alloa. Slough, Motherwell, Sliding, Allos, Slough, Motherwell, Sliding, Allos, Cucen's Park, BEST DRAWS: Everton, Plymouth, Darlington, Mensheld, Motherwell AWAYS, Luton, Nottingham Forest, Oxlord, Bardlord City, Barnet, HOMES: Arsenal, Ipswich, Portsmouth,

THE first division had the add to their considerable number of away draws. A point may be enough to ensure Exeter City's survival

in the third division and they will probably get it against the bottom club, Darlington, who are resigned to fourth division football next season. Peterborough United and Brentford are fancied to cancel each other out in the division's match of the day. Turning to the five aways,

Luton Town look good value to gain their first away win of 1991-2 at the expense of relegated Notts County and Oxford United, threatened by demotion, could turn up trumps against Tranmere Rovers, who have nothing to

2 Stattord v Bath 1 Telford v Merhyr 1 Yeovil v Altruchem 2 Wolves v Middlesbrü THIRD DIVISION SCOTTISH PREMIER

2 Aberdeen v Rangers 1 Cettic v Hibernian 1 Hearts v Falkirk X Motherwell v Dundee U SCOTTISH FIRST 2 Ayr v Morton 1 Dundes v Montrose 1 Hamilton v Mesdowb'k 1 Partek v Forfer 2 Rath v Kamarnock X Stirling v Clydebank

SCOTTISH SECOND 2 Albion v Clyde X Alice v Cowdenb'th 1 Brechin v Stenh muk 1 Dumbarion v Arbroain X Queen's Pk v E Stirling

☐ Vince Wright

York Khicks 88 (series level 1-1) Western Conference: Utah Juzz 103. Los Angeles Clippers 92 (Utah lead 2-0), Phoenix Suns 119, San Antonio Spurs 107 (Phoenix lead 2-0) BASEBALL

MATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Philies 5, New York Mets 4: Atlanta Braves 3, Houston Astros 2. Montread Expos 6, St Louis Cardinals 6; Chleago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4 (10 mns), San Diego Padrie 2, Cancinnals Reds 1; San Francisco Glants S, Los Angeles Dodgers 4 (11 lnns). CYCLING

ROAD RACES: VC Bisn pro-am
(Chiham, Kant, 72 miles): 1, J Clay
(Banana-MET), 2hr 50min; 2, A Doyle
(PCA) same brint; 3, C Lillywhite (Banana-MET)
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Wh), 3-49:10. Levy Mooras Memorial
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 ATHLETICS

READING HALF-MARATHON: Men: 1, 3 Brace (Bridgend), 1hr 2min 19sec, 2, G Spring (Bedford), 102:29, 3, R Wise 102:30 Women: 1, S Ndiging (Ken), 111 34; 2, V Lunyegova (CIS), 1:13:30. GOLF Kent A 2; Essex A 4, Dorest 2; Kent C 3, Isle of Man 5; Warwickshire 1, Lincolnshire A 0; Essex B 2, Derbyshire B 1; Kent B 2, Lincolnshire B 2; Independent Schools 2, Doregal 1; South Yorkshire 9, Hersford and Worcester 2; USA North 0, Cumbrid 3.

BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA; Eastern Conference: Checago Bulks 120, Marm Heat 30 (Chacago load best-of-fivegame series 2-0), Detroit Pistons 89, New

FOR THE RECORD Hulbert, 70, 70, 71, 71; D Prustf, 71, 71, 88, 72; B Fa-on, 70, 68, 70, 74, 283; K Perry, 57, 74, 74, 68, D Martin, 70, 72, 71, 70; Hsas, 71, 70, 71, 71, 81 Black, 70, 69, 72, 72, S Elwington (Aus), 71, 67, 71, 74, D Frost (SA), 70, 74, 85, 74; R Cochran, 70, 70, 69, 74
OLD MICKORY, Tennessee: Women's bournament. Final scores. (US unless

70. 69, 74

OLD HICKORY, Tennessee: Women's tournament. Final scores (US unless stated). 207: M Will, 71, 69, 67 (won at first play off hole). A Benz, 57, 77, 63, 8

Burton, 83, 69, 70, 208: D Coe (Cant. 67, 70, 71, 15). B Burton, 83, 69, 70, 208: D Coe (Cant. 67, 70, 71, 15). B Burton, 83, 69, 70, 208: D Coe (Cant. 67, 70, 71, 15). Benzer, 89, 67, 75, 69, D Moctiver, 69, 71, 70, L Merrien, 69, 71, 70, 212: N Lopez, 73, 72, 67, C Ranick, 71, 72, 69, J Inketer, 70, 73, 69, J Lidback, 68, 75, 69, D Inketer, 70, 73, 69, J Lidback, 68, 75, 69, F. Descampe (Bell, 65, 76, 71, S Hamin, 69, 72, 72, K Albers, 70, 69, 73, T Kardyk, 65, 74, 73, 213: C Kaggy, 73, 71, 69; M Malkin, 71, 73, 69; K Hughes, 68, 75, 69, L Britter, 71, 72, 70; D Massley, 70, 72, 71, C Walker, 71, 72, 70; D Massley, 70, 72, 71, C Walker, 72, 69, 72, D Richard, 70, 71, 72, J Arschutz, 70, 71, 72 British scores: 216: K Devies, 75, 71, 70; C Pierce, 70, 74, 72, AUSTIN, Tenas: Final scores: Lagends of Golf (two-man, better-ball) 251: L Trevino and M Hill, 82, 64, 60, 65, 254: J Cobert and T Aarron, 52, 63, 65, 64, 256: J C Snead and B Nichola, 61, 63, 67, 65, 259: D Dougless and C Coody, 69, 62, 65, 67, 62, 262: G Archer and R Charles (N2), 64, 68, 63, 69, 9263: H Blancas and T Shaw, 66, 67, 63, 67 SONY WORLD FANKINGS: 1F Couples (US): 18 31pts avge. 2, N Faido (GB), 15.22 3, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 15.21, 4 1 Woosnam (GB), 1464, 5, S Belasteros (Sp), 14 50, 6, B Langer (Ger), 12 23, 7, G Norman (Aus), 12 00, 8, D Love N, 10 78, B, P Stewart (US), 10 70, 10, P Azinger (US), 10 00

7 30 unless stated

World Cup

Group three

N Ireland v Lithuania

B International

Barclays League

Second division

Third division

Fourth division

Cardiff v Crewe

Charlion v Tranmere (7 45)

Middlesbrough v Grimsby

Swansea v Hartlepool Torquay v Peterborough . Wigan v Birmingham (7 45)

Hereford v Northampton

CIS B v England B (in Moscow, 3 0)

TORQUAY: UK mixed triples: Final: Kingsthorpe bt Cambridge Park, 15-13 ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): First round playoffs (best of seven series): Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 3, Mannesot North Stars 0 (Mannesots tead 3-2), Choago Blackhurks 5, St Louis Blues 4 (Choago Lead 3-2) Smythe division: Vancouver Canucks 8, Wintpeg Jets 2 (Winnepg lead 3-2), Edmonton Deles 5, Los Angeles Kings 2 (Edmonton Deles 5, Los Angeles Kings 2) (Edmonton lead 3-2) RACKETS RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, Londor: Henderson National League: Semi-Inalis: Cititon bt Radioy 2-0 (Criton names lirst: N Cooper and G Patrier bt O Everett and R Herman, 10-15, 0-15, 15-9, 15-11, 17-16. E Popplewell and C Rome bt T Everett and H Blackler, 15-13, 15-0, 15-11, Manchester bt Queen's, 1-1 (Manchester won on ponts) (Manchester names tirst) J Beaumont and J Trimble lost to C Hue Williams and J Feneley, 3-15-10-15, 9-15, 5 Sheri-man and B Heparty bt S kverndal and G Hewitt 15-4, 15-2, 17-14. Finel: Cititon bt Manchester, 2-0 (Cition names first: Cooper and Patrier bt Beaumont and Timble, 15-17, 15-6, 15-10, 15-6 Popplewell and Rome bt Sheniuman and Hegarty, 17-18, 15-8, 18-13, 15-10)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

GM Vauxhall Conference Altrincham v Tellord ... Colchester v Kettering Macclestield v Gateshead . Northwich v Slough Redbridge F v Boston

Yeovil v Merthyr Tydlil (7.45) B and O Scottish League Premier division Rangers v Hearts

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Windsor and Eton; Harrow v Chesham Woking v Martow (7 45). Wokingham v Errield Locitie Youth Cup: Final; Clapton v Lewes. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: knowsley v Irlam, Worksop v Rhyl President's Cup. Final, second leg: Stalybridge v Morecambe BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier dvision; Crawley v Corby, Moor Green v Waterlooville Barclays Commercial Ser-

vices Cup: Final, second leg: Dorchester PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradiero Criv v Everion, Cov.

52min Osec, 2. J George (Escort), 52.26, 3. M Wyeth (Escort), 52.50 GB Properties (Shropshre) 1. A Curnock (Escort), 35.06, 2. J Bodei (Escort), 35.05, 3. N Aken (Escort), 35.35 Luguvalium (Curnora), 17 M Elsdon (Dennen), 21 18, 2. N Routledge (Escort), 22 12, 3. R Custrifscort), 22 15 Castrol Spring Featural Rally (Jersey) 1. J Baudains (Escort), 21.36, 2. T ke Brun (Toyota Cakca), 21.43, 3. M Jude (Escort), 21.56, Everquip (Jincolnshre) 1. P Gatagher (Escort), 65.0, 2. M Robinson (Escort), 57.06, 3. W Smith (Escort), 68.27

HILL CLIMB: Profeus Petroleum RAC hill climb championships: Second round (Wiscombe Park, Devon) 1, R Turnbull (Pelbeam), 38 32, 2, R Lana (Pilbeam), 39 81, 3, R M Coffon (Ramun), 40,11

REAL TENNIS HARDWICK HOUSE: Handicap finals Singles: C Briggs bt M Hurst, 9-2 Doubles: D Christie and C Briggs bt G Tanner and J Steed, 9-6 SHOOTING

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MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: AC Services Pines (Somerset): I, M Dodd (Ford Cosworth), Chellenham 471-14 Surrey Schools

ontry v Bolton (7.0), Manchester City : Asion Viña (6.45) NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chelses v Reading (2 0), Queen's Park Rangers v Fulham (2 0) GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Backwell v Devizes Radstock v Larknist Lea Philips Cup: Balh v Plymouth TESTIMONIAL MATCH (for Dave Madden) Dave Madden invitation \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\text{Crystat}\) Palace (at Dartford FC. 8 0)

RUGBY UNION Club match

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth light-middle-weight championship Chris Pyati (Leicester) v James Tapishe (Zembia) (at (Leicester) Viames laptane Campos (at Wolverhampton) RUGBY LEAGUE, Schools match Da-wes Trophy (under-15) Finist Wigan v Castleford (at Swinton, 7,0). SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield) SPEEDWAY: Gold Cup: Second division. Milton Keynes v Long Eaton (7 30) Bowl: Epsom 444 13 Officers Cup (individual) A Symos (Bradfield) 63 4 Surray Playing Fields Association Gob-let (under 16s) J Perkins (Charlethouse) 58 1 Officers Bowl (pairs) Chottenham 116 5 Somman Cup (pairs under 16) Mariborough, 122 4 Manootougn, 1,22 4
SHUGBO ROUGH: Independent schools Bey Smiths-Gore day shooting championship: A teams: The Leta 241 B teams: Millield, 228 Women: ABfield, 73 High gune: Class A: J Rowett (Arundol), 46 Class B: J Hearn (Millield), 30 Women: A Playlar (Millield), 45

(Materior) 45: HAM AND PETERSHAM: British univer-sities smartbore rifle championships: 1, London, 1,550; 2, Cambridge, 1,539; 3, Edinburgh, 1,530 individual: 1, W Mitch-ell (Iramot Watt), 585, 2, L Graham (Edinburgh), 583, 3, G Barnett (London), 583 Top woman: J Stock (London), 579 TENNIS

MADRID: Men's tournament: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bit De Miguel (Sp.) 7-5-6 3: J Arrana (Sp.) bit J Gespert (Sp.) 6-0. 6-2: J Sanchez Vecaro (Sp.) bit P McEnroe (US), 5-1-6-0 F Fontang (Fr) bit D Nargroe (II), 1-6-62, 6-3

(Georgia) bi N Muns Jogorman (Neth), 6 2, 4-6, 6-4, J Dune (GB) bi M Boilegral (Noth), 6-3, 6-2. SECUL: South Korean open tourna-ment: Final: S Matsucka (Japan) bi T Woodbridge (Aus., 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 TAIPEI: Men's tournament: First round. P Lundgren (Swe) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4-6-4

WEIGHTLIFTING SZEKSZARD. Hungary: European champlonships: 82.5kg. 1. 1 Samadov (CIS), 370kg. 2. K Stemson (Poll, 357.5, 3. P. Dimas: (Gre), 357.5 90kg: 1. K Kakhesivii (CIS), 400. 2. 5 Zawada (Pol), 392.5, 3, 1 Chakarov (Bul), 385. 100kg: 1. T Iajmazor (CIS), 415. 2, W Matak (Pol), 395. 3, A Szanyi (Hun), 392.5 110kg: 1. 1 Kachum (CIS), 415. 2, Y Dardii (Isr), 407.5, 3. P Barnasii (Pol), 390. Over 110kg: 1, K Kolev (Bul), 410kg. 2. E Arstan (Tur), 395kg. 3, J Zubnezky (Cz), 377.5kg

YACHTING

AMERICA'S CUP. Defender trials (best of 13 races); Fifth race: Store & Stripes (D' Conner) by America' (W Kochl. 2min 18soc Overall: Amenca' 4. Store & Surpes, 2. Challenger trials (best of 9) Fifth race: New Zealand (R Davis) disqualified Race result negated Overall: New Zealand (R Davis), 3; Il More de Venezia (P Cayard III), 1 LEE-ON-SOLENT: Southern Water Trophy: World qualifying evant interna-tional 505: 1. C Robinson & N Richardson (Burton SC). 2. G Thomas, N Bellow (Graftism SC), 3. P Colclough & I Godfrey (Leigh & Lowton SC).

HOCKE!

SPORT

TUESDAY APRIL 28 1992

Wilkinson graces club's rise with silver lining



AMID the cuphoria that enveloped Eliand Road yesterday, one man was able to reflect on the events of a day. three-and-a-half years ago, when the future of his club was to be shaped.

As congratulatory messages heralding Leeds United's first League championship in 18 years began to arrive on his desk, Leslie Silver, the club's chairman, could afford a wry smile. His own significant, per-

haps overlooked, contribution to a remarkable story of transformation and subseon a wintry afternoon back in 35 miles that separates the targets, our ambitions, were

On that day, Leeds, once the powerful overlords of English football, were perilously close to the foot of the second division table. Billy Bremner, the captain of the last Leeds side to have won the first division championship in 1974, had been dismissed as manager after three traumatic years in charge and the search for a replacement had taken Silver to Sheffield Wednesday, or, more precisely. Howard

Wilkinson, quite possibly out of nothing more than curiosity, agreed to travel the

Wilkinson.

two Yorkshire clubs to listen to Silver's proposal.

"To say that we had to do a real selling job on Howard would be an understatement," Silver said. "Sheffield Wednesday were doing well. In fact, they were fifth or sixth in the first division and things were looking bright, both for dub and for manager.

"I don't suppose there was any good reason why How-ard should leave a successful club to take over one which was struggling. He must have been in my office for between five and six hours as we tried to outline our plans. We wanted to convince him that our

realistic and attainable.

"In the end, we obviously succeeded because he accepted our offer. It is rather difficult for me to say where this club would be now had we failed."

Despite providing his manager with the tools necessary to undertake the monumental task of restoring Leeds United to a position of prominance — namely £11 million for new players -Silver admits that the speed of change has surprised even

To be honest, our aim was to launch a genuine bid for the championship, not this

"After finishing in fourth place last year, in what was our first season back in the top flight, we felt that winning a place in the Uefa Cup was an achieveable target.

"It might be difficult to believe but Howard Wilkinson and myself never once discussed the possibility of us winning the title over the past

"The primary object was to re-establish ourselves as a top. first division club, one with the potential to win trophies." Just four years after their ambition had embraced nothing more adventurous

than second division survival,

Leeds will now attempt to win the European Cup, something that was to always elude Don Revie's famous side of the 1970s.

"Don was a great manager but it's virtually impossible to make a comparison between him and Howard Wilkinson. or between his team and the present team, because times, attitude and style have changed so much," Silver

"Our intent is to try and win the European Cup next season and I do believe it is possible. Don Revie's achievement was to make Leeds United a great club. Howard's achievement has been to re-

establish this club and point it towards a new horizon," he added. Although Silver's joy is uncontained, the fear that Wilkinson may one day be courted by the Football Association as a successor to Graham Taylor, the England international manager, does serve to temper an obvious sense of satisfaction.

Because of what he has achieved in such a short period of time at this club. Howard is, as they say, hot

property," he said. "He has a rolling contract which will carry him forward into the next century. We do not want to lose him, not even to England.

Ostler

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BY PETER BALL TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Warwickshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Nottingham-

AFTER two days of suprema-

cy for bowlers, the bat came into its own here yesterday.

Only four wickets fell in the

day to leave the match be-

tween the two powerful mid-

lands teams nicely balanced.

likely candidates for batting honours, gave Nottingham-

shire the early advantage be-

fore Ostler at last put the case

for the proper batsmen, his

undefeated 83, the outstand-

ing innings of the game so far, taking his side back to equality, if not command.

Warwickshire had hidden

their threadbare resources

well on the second day, but

terday and Hemmings and

Pick flourished accordingly.

62 balls. He hit seven fours,

all yesterday. Pick was more

restrained until the introduc-

tion of Booth in time for the

100th over. Two big leg-side

sixes and a two spooned over

mid-off secured a most un-

likely fourth batting point

Finally, Smith made the

breakthrough to end a stand

wth three balls to spare.

were less successful yes-

Hemmings and Pick, un-

shire by 128 runs

Hendry stands up to the Crucible heat

White survives rigorous test of his character

THOSE who subscribe to the theory that any match won after being closely fought is good for confidence will no doubt be of the opinion that Jimmy White's 13-11 secondround victory over Alain Robidoux and Stephen Hendry's 13-10 win over James Wattana in the Embassy world championship at Sheffield yesterday will be of great benefit to both.

White's tightrope walk into the quarter-finals showed, like his compilation of a 147 break in the previous round against Tony Drago, that he can cope with the most intense pressure. However, frequent unforced errors also highlighted a tendency to fall victim to inconsistency, a dethroughout his 12 years as a professional.

White's failings during the first two sessions contributed as much to the 8-8 overnight scoreline, going into yesterday's concluding session, as the dogged resistance put up by Robidoux, whose desire to win was fuelled by the need to salvage something from an otherwise mediocre season.

When Robidoux fashioned

upset. White, though, is no stranger to second-round epics at the Crucible, having survived three decidingframe finishes in his four previous visits to the championship.
White compiled a clinching

47 break in the 21st frame, after Robidoux had been called for six "misses", when attempting to escape from a difficult snooker, and a 57 in the next gave him a twoframe advantage, at 12-10, for the first time in the match.

The 23rd frame ended in high drama when Robidoux completed the thinnest of cuts on a respotted black into a middle pocket for 12-11. White, responding as only a about his own ability cart, made a decisive 76 break in the following frame.

"I never found my true game and my concentration wasn't there for long periods," White said. "At 10-10, I managed to snap out of it. I've been playing so well in practice maybe I got complacent and it turned out to be a very tough battle."

Hendry endured a similarly uncomfortable experience before he passed an enormous test of character by seeing off the spirited challenge of Wattana. This was the inscrutable Thai at something close to his best following lacklustre displays in the previous two sessions. Wattana began confidently

with a break of 79 in the first frame of the day to reduce by one his 10-6 overnight arrears. He missed a blue, though, needing only it and the pink for 10-8, and Hendry's four-frame buffer zone was re-established. Hendry, though, was under essure. That was plain from his constant scowling and agitations. This was made worse when Wattana, feeding off his opponent's growing nervousness, won three frames in ession to trail 11-10.

A break of 45 in the 22nd frame took him to the verge of 11-11 but he missed a vital black and Hendry, courtesy of an admirably composed last red to pink clearance, went two up with three to play. At 48-48 in the next, Hendry clipped in the last red and by clearing to pink once again ended, what had been for him, an afternoon of

"Everyone wants me to get beat which means I'm always under pressure." Hendry said. "They want the No. 1 out of the tournament. I know I'll be an unpopular winner in exactly the same way as Steve Davis was when he was winning everything.

"It's not nice when you consider what I've done but it's the price I must pay for being the best and I am prepared to put up with it." Wattana, making no at-

tempt to disguise his disap-pointment, simply said: "I had a chance to win every single frame and I just blew it. I don't know why but something definitely went

WTONg."

RESULTS: Second round: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Wattern (Thel), 18-10. Frame scores (Hendry first): 75-54. 38-87. 49-70. S3-46, 58-74, 61-53, 52-43, 67-53, 17-72, 25-68, 55-55, 51-34. 68, 58-68, 58-55, 51-34. 68, 58-68, 69-77, 81-44. 25-64, 39-48, 49-74, 14-78, 8-73, 61-47, 76-48, J White (Eng) bt A Robidoux (Can), 13-11. Frame scores (White first): 33-71, 76-0, 15-77, 13-50, 1-88, 55-7, 0-74, 14-68, 13-46, 61-48, 68-2, 21-61, 58-68, 71-6, 66-19, 13-64, 61-48, 68-2, 21-61, 58-68, 71-6, 66-19, 13-64, 61-48, 68-2, 21-61, 58-68, 71-6, 66-19, 13-64, 61-48, 68-4, 28-47, 15-54, 35-67, 26-68, 32-67, 20, 63-6, 35-60, 54-4, 48-61, 47-37, 54-44, 54-1, 24-70, 32-65, J Wych (Can) leads W Thome (Eng) 10-6, Frame scores (Wych finet): 35-74, 51-64, 63-62, 1-112, 68-28, 34-65, 60-47, 74-8, 18-58, 72-26, 20-74, 95-36, 72-31, 74-27, 93-38, 70-57.



Nowhere to hide: Robidoux despairs a "miss" call during his 13-11 loss to White in Sheffield yesterday

Ackford returns to help Harlequins

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

PAUL Ackford, the lock forward who retired after England's appearance in the final of the rugby union World Cup last November, has agreed to help Harlequins, his club, in their crisis leading to the Pilkington Cup final against Bath on

Ackford, aged 34, finished his career with 22 caps and has since played only three matches for his police divi-sional side and one for the Barbarians, at Christmas. But, after turning down two appeals from Dick Best, the Harlequins and England coach, to come back, the

brought a change of heart. Harlequins were without Troy Coker, in Australia, and Simon Dear (cup-tied) before last Saturday; after their league match with Gloucester, they are without Mickey Skinner and Richard

will not know until tomorrow whether Neil Edwards, their Scottish lock, has recovered from a neck injury. "Clearly the club needs experienced locks above everything else," Ackford said yesterday.

"Dick didn't call me out of sentiment. He thought I could do a job by winning some lineout ball. I'm not naive enough to believe I could be as dominant as in my best matches, but at 70 per cent productivity I might be able to hamper Bath.

"It's a one-off game and I'm doing it out of loyalty to the club and to Dick, who was instrumental in my rise to international rugby. Ackford, who could take no

part in club training last night because of a charity commitment, canvassed opinion among senior Harlequins players, all of whom encouraged him to play.

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Pitman cleared over **Gold Cup tactics**

By George Rae

Bowlby were yesterday found you win." not guilty of any breach of the In a statement issued by his rules of racing over the running and riding of Golden Bowlby "absolutely denied"
Freeze in the Cheltenham making the remark. Gold Cup in March.

The four-hour enquiry, which centred on the rule that governs non-triers, investigated the tactics of Golden Freeze in keeping company with Carvill's Hill in an attempt to force the even-money favourite into jumping errors Pitman also ran Toby Tobias, the 15-2 third

Carvill's Hill, after a series of errors, finished tailed off in fifth and the last place, one position behind Toby Tobias.

Golden Freeze was pulled up. The enquiry heard evidence from Pitman, Bowlby and Peter Scudamore, the jockey on Carvill's Hill. Also at issue was a remark Bowlby is alleged to have made to Scuda-more during the race that "I

JENNY Pitman and Michael didn't want to do this. I hope

making the remark.

Mrs Pitman, rarely a shrinking violet when it comes to stating her case, for once declined to offer an opinion, slipping out of the Jockey Club offices by a back door. However, McCormick, acting also for Pitman, issued

"Mrs Pitman and Mr Bowlby have taken the view that in light of the media coverage surrounding these events and ill-advised re-marks by certain people, it would be inappropriate to pass further comment.

"They are absolutely delighted at being found not guilty and to have been fully vindicated by the Jockey

defeated by a beauty from Cairns, who conjured up the fastest spell of the game in the middle of the afternoon, but

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Your guess is as good as ours, Because, when RBC's WORLD Magazine visited Orissa, India, we found the elephants were too inebriated to give us a clue.

And thereby hangs a tale, Because, while the

Orissans were hard at work burying their home-made brew, the heasts were equally busy digging it up again. (A few drinks weren't the only thing that got knocked back that nightly

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BBB Magazine of Mankind

IAAF could reject verdict on Krabbe

By David Miller

NEITHER Katrin Krabbe, of Germany, nor Butch Reynolds, of the United States, will be permitted to run in the Olympic Games unless they can establish with the International Amateur Athletic Federation that there is genuine doubt about their respective unsatisfactory drugs

I understand that the IAAF Council is far from committed to accepting the decision of either the German appeal board, which lifted Krabbe's four-year suspension, or the TAC appeal tribunal, which re-established Reynolds's right to compete.

If an IAAF arbitration panel should decide, in each instance, to maintain the example John Ellicott, the

athletes' suspension, the athletes would be obliged, if still maintaining their innocence, to take the matter to court in London, and would be unlikely to be able to do so

before the Games in July. The German federation has been asked to provide the IAAF with a detailed report of the testing of Krabbe and her two colleagues in South Africa, and the reasons for the lifting of the initial suspension.

If the IAAF Council is dis-

satisfied, at its meeting in Toronto on May 30 and 31, with the German's explana-tion, the matter will be passed to an arbitration panel of three selected from the **LAAFs** body of independent legal experts, including for former Australian attorneygeneral An IAAF spokesman said:

"If the Council is completely sure the German girls are not guilty, it will not challenge the German appeal decision. But if it is not sure, it will place the matter before the arbitration panel within two to three weeks. If the arbitration panel upholds the findings of the testing by an accredited laboratory, the competitors will be disqualified for four years."

I understand that the German appeal board upheld Krabbe's appeal because it could not be sure the security of chain-of-custody of the tested samples, between South Africa and Germany. could be proved to be impenseveral questions. First, if an agent unknown

attempted to tamper with Krabbe's sample, how would the agent have known the identity number of the sample? Second, if successful in contaminating or exchanging, the sample, why would an unknown agent make the sample clean, as opposed to positive? And why would an agent tamper with all three samples and make them all negative with an identical urine sample? These requirements, if the story of Krabbe and her two colleagues is to he believed, are too farfetched for plausibility.

The reason for the initial suspension was that the samples from all three competi-

the security of the samples tors were found to be neg-was open to doubt, this begs ative and identical from the ative and identical from the same individual, thereby suggesting a form of bypassing of random testing that has long been suspected to be in practice among competitors wishing to evade accurate

> Reynolds, who tested positive following his appearance in the Monaco grand prix two years ago, also seeks to prove lack of security, and also technical incompetence on the part of the testing laboratory. From what I have seen of the statements made by the TAC appeal board, when upholding Reynolds's appeal, I do not believe that they will be accepted by the IAAF's arbitration panel when they meet in London

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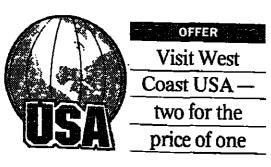
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Changing scene: Anthony Whitworth-Jones (left) and Sir George Christie, standing in what will be the backstage area at the new Glyndebourne, due to open in 1994; the gardens - a place for magnificent picnics - will be preserved

rites of summer begins again this Saturday. Big, expensive motors will converge in a field on the Sussex Downs. Captains of indus-

try will descend in helicopters. Cabinet ministers will be chauffeured in. Sometimes, pleading a three-line whip, they will be discreetly chauffeured out again after the dinner interval, thus missing half the point of why they are there. Magnificent picnics will be Women will shiver in summery silk. Men will bray loudly as they

spot clubbable chums quaffing the bubbly on the other side of an exotic shrubbery. Out beyond the ha-ha. sheen will blink and slowly shake their heads. Oh, and there will be an opera performance. John and Audrey Christie found-

ed their summer opera festival at Glyndebourne in 1934. Under the current, benign dictatorship of their son and heir, Sir George, it has stayed, up to now, much as it was. But did I write "unchanging"? That was dramatic licence. As those big motors sweep through the arch this Saturday, their occupants will gasp in astonishment. Where has the Mildmay Tea Room gone? What dastardly thing devastated the Walled Garden? Look at those gigantic cranes, and that massive hole in the ground. Good grief, the whole place could be a building site

in Docklands! "The audience has been warned." says Sir George Christie. "But nobody ever reads anything in a programme-book. I am bracing myself for a postbag of complaints - that there's a lot of dust, a lot of mud, and we've mucked up this or that. It was inevitable that the first reaction of many old supporters was 'You are destroying the Ghindebourne we know and love'. In a way I'm pleased they feel that

degree of allegiance." The theatre itself is still there. So,

Gamble on Glyndebourne

of course, is the Christie house, the fabled organ room, and most of those great gardens. But on July 25. the day after this season ends. even the theatre will disappear in a cloud of chalk. A new, bigger one, designed by Michael Hopkins, will through 180 degrees, so that the audience foyers open on to the gardens, and the backstage will be

in much closer proximity to all the workshops that service it. The idea seems so obvious that one wonders why John Christie never built it that way in 1934. "He simply used the lie of the land," says his son. "The slope of the auditorium matches the slope of the ground; it's as primitive as that. If you lift the floorboards in the present theatre, you will see the chalk of the Downs; there are no foundations at all. How the whole

place stands up I don't know." The festival will skip a year, but Sir George is determined that it will open for business in May 1994. One suspects he has worked out the building schedule on an hour-byhour basis. He is not a man to leave

much to chance.

Perhaps that is why Glyndebourne, unlike most opera houses. rarely miscalculates badly. Some of its audience may regard the whole place as, literally, a bit of a picnic. But that superficial "playground of the rich" image does scant justice to its superbly prepared productions. bourne to excel - and that expectation is also conferred on the new theatre. Sir George, however, admits that the rebuild is the gamble of his life.

After all, he has no public subsidy, no Ministry of Fun availThe theatre synonymous with summer is to be demolished. Will the new one still cast its spell? Richard Morrison reports

never beholden to political change - when, at the stroke of a pen, you can suddenly find your subsidy cut or pegged. That is really what has

happened at Covent Garden." He admits that he did, just once, allow his resolve to weaken. It was a vouthful misdemeanour, back in the 1960s, soon after his father had died. "I asked Arnold Goodman. then Arts Council chairman, and George Harewood, who was chairman of its music panel, for subsidy. Understandably, they said: 'Then we would be subsidising the rich to come to Glyndebourne.' I replied that I would make the tickets cheaper so that the less wealthy could come. They said: 'No. that won't work either; if the tickets are

circle. At that point I realised the only way forward was alone." So Sir George relies entirely on his patrons and his corporate friends. Luckily, he has plenty of them. Consider this astonishing sequence of events. The new theatre is costing £33 million. Sir George launched an appeal in January 1990. "The country's economy had been looking buoyant; that prompted me to grasp the nettle by the throat, as my sister used to say."

cheaper we will have to give you

more subsidy.' It was a vicious

Suddenly, recession loomed. All over Britain, arts organisations found the purses of hitherto generous sponsors clamping shut. Yet, just two years later. Sir George has

able to bail him out if things go raised 80 per cent of his target, wrong. He is fiercely and proudly nearly all from business donors, wrong with his corporate supporting the second started and the second started started and the second started started and the second started w he can probably coast his way to the remaining £6 million. He has estimated, for instance, that the gala concert on July 24 — for which patrons will pay £1,000 or £750 a ticket - will raise about 4 per cent of the total building cost. Not bad for an evening's work.

> ow did he do it, when such powerful organisations as the Royal Opera House and the South Bank have had to postpone their rebuilding plans year after year? It helps, of course, if a goodly number of your patrons are stinking rich. But Sir George was also very canny. "We introduced a degree of commercialism into the fundraising. We offered membership for a finite period to businesses which supported the appeal. That gives them access to tickets."

And access to Glyndebourne tickets is, of course, one of the most desirable perks known to corporate man. But does this mean that Glyndebourne will become the preserve of tired and tiddly business execs? Sir George bristles at the suggestion. "We are confining corporate seats in the new theatre to 35 per cent of capacity. Moreover, ten per cent of tickets for each performance will be reserved for the general public." At the moment, tickets for popular evenings never reach non-members. "And finally, in the new theatre there will be standing room for 46 people."

They are not necessarily the intelligent end of the Glyndebourne audience. But captains of industry are not fools - and some of them go to opera a lot."

The new theatre will increase Glyndebourne's capacity by only 318 seats, to 1.150. For £33 million, that does not seem much of a gain. But those 318 extras will pay, perhaps, £90 each. That will happen nightly for three months. Viewed like that, Sir George's dream does have the smack of firm economic management.

Anyway, he says, revenue is not the only point. The present theatre is looking frayed; it has poor sightlines: it was designed for 300 and now crams in 800, and its acoustics are boxy. Fighting to nab the brightest young singers and to lure top conductors and producers - for much less money than they might command elsewhere - Sir George believes these handicans can be tolerated no longer.

Moreover, the present theatre was never any great shakes as architecture. Sir George admits as much in his preface to the new season's programme-book. He writes that when English Heritage raised no objections to the theatre's demolition. "I wasn't sure whether to feel nostalgically insulted or optimistically elated". The new auditorium will be

shaped like a horseshoe and be inspired by the small, 18th century opera houses in Italy. Will it have

has done it for 33 ("must be the longest-serving chairman in Britain." he says). When he hands it on. he hopes it will be to one of his children "Having four seemed a wise precaution " The Christie (amstate-of-the-art technical facilities? "It will be damn good," says ily controls Glyndebourne as firmly as the Wagners control Bayreuth, though Sir George does not exactly Anthony Whitworth-Jones, who is Glyndebourne's general director. encourage the comparison. "For But the important thing is that the one thing, there's no internecine warfare at Glyndebourne." intimate atmosphere will not

But after July 24, nothing will be quite the same again. The theatre will still be in the grounds of my home," says Sir George, as if to reassure himself. Then he thinks a bit. "Or perhaps, after the rebuild, my home will be in the grounds of the theatre."

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Kate Muir, Arms and the Woman

Slowly driven up the garden wall

he orchestra of summer is massing and tuning up. The first nightingale gurgled behind the house last night. Eight hours later, when we were walking the dogs down to the river, the first cuckoo pooped from the copse across the fields. This evening, we wondered when we should see the first swallow. With these reassurances that winter is past, my fears for the magnolia are, mercifully, waning,

This magnolia gives me more regular grief than the Labour party. Ipswich Town and the economic cycle all together. From mid-March to late April my nights are a-twitch with anxiety for its tender blooms. A nip of chill in my toes in the early dawn will send me scuttling to the magnolia to see if a frost has scorched those ivory petals. The devastation of 1988, when an icy cutlass butchered it at the height of its abundant glory and left all its goblet blooms hanging in black shreds, like an array of discarded rights, haunts my memory. There is nothing I can do to protect the magnolia, though I have considered wrapping every bud in a sock: but I feel that it will be a personal failing, a neglect of stewardship, if it does not complete its flowering

My city friends do not compre-

hend this trouble. They seem to think that there is nothing to the cultivation of an acre and a half of garden except lying in the hammock and letting the fruits drop in your lap. They ring up from the office and say: "So sorry to disturb the rural idyll, your lairdship: I'm sure you're busy drying herbs but, if you could spare a moment for the real world, there is work to be done hack here at the plant." Our worlds barely touch. They have no idea, for instance, what a patch of moss can do to your head.

I never imagined that I would be troubled by the consistency of grass in a lawn but, so help me, here I am. Sometimes I wonder if I should share my problem with Gardeners' Question Time. Those are the times when I also wonder if I might have passed straight through midlife to senescence.

Five years ago, I bought this house from an old lady who was. herself, the third successive horticulturist of genius to possess the place. Following her predecessors, she had planted scores of rare and gorgeous shrubs and trees - ginkgoes and garrya elliptica, mimosa and catalpa. When she moved in, 30 years ago, the old lady planted an alba superba on the lawn. All these treasures, now in their maturity, have fallen to my cack-handed

MID LIFE

Neil Lyndon feels a headache coming on,

thanks to the lawn



stewardship and are a sore trial to me when they are not giving delight. The biggest headache. however, is not the trees and shrubs but the blasted lawn.

In the old lady's last years, after her husband died, she had been hard-pressed to manage the garden, and the lawns, especially, suffered. Weeds and mosses ran unchecked. The ground was never aerated in the autumn nor resown in spring, so it became a mosaic of One solution might have been to

landscape and returf the whole area but can you imagine the cost of an acre of turf? In any case, who wants that kind of perfection? My own view of the classic English lawn was well put by Miriam Rothschild, who said: "Why would anybody want to live on a billiard table?" I could happily live the rest of my life without mowing a lawn or edging a border; but what are you supposed to do if you inherit a formal English garden, lawns compris? Let it go? Or keep it up?

A square inch of moss untreated will become a square yard in a month. A single starweed or dandelion left to grow now will spread to a three-inch radius by July. You may, as I do, loathe weedkillers. You may, as I do, abhor the prospect of spending all your remaining summers on your hands and knees pulling up celandines and sorrels. but what better plan can you suggest? The only alternative to the billiard table seems to be the untended and unintended scrub. My friend the permaculture enthusiast looks around my lawns and herbaceous borders with barely concealed disdain. She does not approve of my timidity, as I think she sees it, in being unwilling to in-

troduce a revolution in the flower beds: but the thought of wild strawberries as ground cover under the ilex trees strikes me as being as shocking a blow against the appearance of old England as it would be to have the guards in bardedress for Trooping the Colour.

The most radical solution to these anxieties would be abandonment and flight. Sometimes, late at night when the fear of frost on the magnolia is nipping into my sleep.) dream of the patch of asphalt with a couple of grow-bags and some pots which I had in my bachelor days nearly 20 years ago. If you take on a serious garden, however, you'd better be ready for serious worries: they go with the grown-up territory.

Nature gives us automatic release and relief from these troubles. Long after the cuckoo has piped down and the last swallow has flown, the garden settles itself again into that regenerating sleep which asks not to be disturbed by a gardener's intrusive hand. If the toils of April are upon us. the peace of November cannot be far behind. It's about then that I find myself looking forward to seeing the magnolia in bloom again.

TOMORROW Single Life: Lynne Truss

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change, because that is the essential

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Glyndebourne? Will the old place

still cast its unique spell? Sir George

says that it will be "less home-spun.

less like a village hall". Actually,

anywhere less like a village half

than Glyndebourne - past, present or future - would be hard to

imagine. The vital point is that in

1994 the atmosphere will be more

like going to a "proper" theatre, less

Glyndebourne has always been a

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family concern. John Christie was

Here we reach the nub of the

thing about Glyndebourne.'

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MY FAIR LADY: The Letter and Loewe

musical gets in invigorating new look from stage designer David Fielding (echoing his work with English National Opera) and countrier Exper Conran. Edward Fox is cast in the "Rex Hamson

role of Professor Heggins, and Helen Hobson is an eminently likable Siza Docittle. The production tours the

regions before reaching London in the

Street, Oxford (0965 244544) tonight -May 9 7.30pm, Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm.

COPPELIA: Scottish Ballet continues hs

tour of the country, opening in Belfast tonight with Peter Wright's fine production of Coppelia.

Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast. (0232-241919), Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

THE TURNING WORLD: This annual

season of international dance turns its attention to France this week with a

return visits from the French troupes. Ballet du Fargistan (see the review, downpage on the right) and Compagnie Claude Brumachon, Brumachon's Le um visits from the French proupes

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☐ BACK UP THE HEARSE AND LET THEM SNIFF THE FLOWERS: The art of the salesman: William Gaminara's comedy points out the tricks but

smplifies deeper Issues. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301).

Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins

BERLIM BERTIE: Howard Brenton's sharp though muddled chilque of the new Europe where a social worker, a trusting wrife and a 5p have lost their beamss. With Penny Downle, Diana Rigg and Nicholas Woodene, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 135mirc.

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he quietly died in the back of a taxi. DAVID ROBINSON • The Tadashi Imai retrospective begins on Friday at the National Film Theatre, South

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her attempted suicide. The shorter second part touches on her osychiatric treatment, her lawver (posh but kind) and the trial.

passion for Hollywood melodrama of

the Thirties and Forties. The overt

sentimentality is reinforced by lush

musical scores of unmistakable Holly-

wood influence. The acting also dis-

In 1977, aged 65, Imai withdrew

entirely from film-making, only to

reappear surprisingly last year with a

new film. War and Youth. This is one

of his most technically accomplished

films. There are recreations of the

massive US air raid on Tokyo in 1945

which killed 100.000 people. But at

the centre is a sentimental romance,

finely acted and genuinely touching.

Imai was on his way to a screening of

War and Youth last November when

plays the influence of Hollywood.

Buffini, directed by her sister Fiona, makes conventional moral judgements seem irrelevant. Originally disgruntled and contemptuous. Shirley blossoms with her child (whom she is addressing throughout), drifting into prostitution and ultimately murder to keep them

This naggingly obsessive love rings play is based on factl; and Grimm's fairy tale, as Shirley concludes it. has a happy ending. In 1987, we are finally told by information projected onto the back wall, the real-tife Shirley was acquitted; and killed herself on the day of her release.

MARTIN HOYLE

THEATRE REVIEW

ing merit of every Imai film is the unquestionable, whole-hearted sincerof a bourgeois wife, a maid and a

CINEMA: PREVIEW

Imai, the far from inscrutable

Tragic and true fines the appeal of

The Nuthouse" Holloway Prison.

hypnotic compulsion. In a pool of light that changes to every mood (designer Mark Galione), her main prop a larger-than-life chair that can be a hiding place, a prisoner's Shirley Jones explains how she comes to be on trial for murdering her baby. An all too plausible CV includes vacuous boredom in a seaside town, a battered mother, elopement with a bike boy, unplanned parenthood, vio-lence and abandonment.

ne scenario is topical: four

young men are convicted of a brutal double murder, on

appeal, the defence exposes

police methods of falsified evidence

and confessions obtained by brainwash and torture. Reluctant to under-

mine confidence in the police, however, the judiciary rejects the appeal. This is

not Oliver Stone's next film, nor

Panorama's latest exposé of judicial

miscarriage: but a Japanese film,

Darkness at Noon, made 36 years ago.

impelled by fierce indignation - of

events which took place in 1951. In

form, the script is very like Akira Kurosawa's Rashomon, which had the

same writer. A complex structure of

over-lapping flashbacks serves at once

to explore contradictory stories and to

Darkness at Noon is one of 17 films in the National Film Theatre's firstever retrospective of the edectic Imai,

who is comparatively little known out-side Japan. The films and personal

accounts suggest that Imai was a very emotional man; and emotionalism rather than opportunism probably

explains the startling political volte-

Born in 1912, the son of a promi-

nent Buddhist priest, he was deeply

affected by stories of the poor and

oppressed which he read as a boy. This

led to involvement with the communist party and two arrests for political

activities while he was still a teenager.

At 22 he found work with a film

company. Without any real training,

have been all too readily diverted to

militaristic patriotism and the war

effort. Perhaps fortunately, the Nat-

ional Film Theatre has failed to trace

copies of Imai's wartime films. But the

American occupation authorities clear-

ly did not hold this against him. Only a

year after the war's end Imai made an

anti-imperialist propaganda film, An Enemy of the People, with their overt

support. Soon, however, his loyalties

veered again. He joined the post-war

communist party and went with the

new tide of anti-Americanism. Monu-

ment of Star Lilies (1953) relates with

great feeling the fate of a group of

young schoolgirls under American

THE girl who begins to tell the Grimm

fairy tale of Rumpelstiltskin in broad

Lancashire tones continues to spin a

story for two hours. The actress Moira Buffini and writer Anna Reynolds (not

to be confused with the Wagnerian

mezzo-soprano) have collaborated on a

script that unfolds a tragedy with

For all his vacillations, the outstand-

His emotional enthusiasm seems to

be directed his first film in 1939.

faces of his career

build up an exciting crime drama.

The film was Tadashi Imai's recreation - superficially objective but

The story skips between the past and the present, centred on confinement in

World season. According to a preten-

tious programme note, a three-week

residency in Israel was the inspiration

for this piece. The choreographer,

Brigitte Farges, is about to show us "a

disconcerting and tragi-comic reflec-

tion of an epoch that has lost its

This begins reasonably enough, despite such slowness that the audience

coughs and twitches. An airplane

engine whines: a woman stands in a

reference points".

TWO-THIRDS of the way through the show, a dancer intones into a microphone: "What are you doing?" Quite. Whatever this French company thinks it is doing, it amounts to a large hiccup in the usually excellent Turning

DANCE **Pointless doodlings**

Le Ballet du Fargistan squats on top of a vase and later draws dress that is suddenly whisked off her and out of sight: a The Place sense is conveyed of new arrivals discarding old identities.

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But then come other performers, a succession of props, costumes and halfbaked ideas, and things dwindle into a long-winded, incoherent muddle that should never have escaped the rehearsal studio.

a length of blue tulle

while we're at it, why the title of the piece, J'adore et j'en peux plus (I love and I can't go on)? A chair, shoes and panels of cloth are successively lifted up into the flies, or dropped down from them, with no apparent significance. It will not do simply to state in the A woman screams: Why? A man programme that you are exploring

Sympathetic study of three women: a scene from Troubled Waters, 1953, directed by Tadashi Imai

of a bourgeois wife, a maid and a prostitute in the Meiji era. The Old

Women's Paradise (1962) shows real

lmai's radical rationalism is evident

in two samurai dramas which subvert

the conventional romantic notion of

feudal militarism. Perhaps his best

work, Night Drum (1958), is about a samurai whose beloved wife is proved

guilty of adultery. Forced by clan

custom to kill both her and her lover.

he tragically recognises the inherent

self-destruction when social duty must

Imai never developed a personal

style in the way of Kurosawa, Mizo-guchi or Ozu. In terms of technique he

remained almost primitive, more inter-

ested in subject than style. Performance

was dearly paramount for him: compo-

Most of the films betray Imai's

leather-jacketed Da-

vv. who swept her

from Morecambe to

sition and editing were subordinate.

override morality.

feeling for the difficulties of old age.

relationships between people and manipulated objects. Then, just as I think that I, too, will scream if another wire appears supporting a prop. so a collection of Persian rugs descends. subsequently to be worn as cloaks by the dancers.

The five dancers seem an attractive bunch. They deserve better than to be scattered about the stage along with two musicians and two men in overalls. They deserve other choreography. The portentous posturings and static em-phasis of Farges's style make the occasional slides and rolls seem like major events.

NADINE MEISNER

EI HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's trneless, state-of-England drama. Theathe Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2-30pm, 225mlns. E MOBY DICK: A girls' school puts on a hard-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Piczadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118), Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats Tues,

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspor, high on energy, low on story freshness.

Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

4pm, 135mins.

E) DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Two new cast members, Geraldine James and Paul Freeman, John Michael Byrne in this superb play on the longing for revenge. Duke of York's, St Marph's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, Bpm,

mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins. AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a frustrated woman antones of a monateu woman named to a soccer nut. Ouchess, Cathenne Street, WCZ (071-194 5075), Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, Spm and 8.45pm, 130mins.

☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty dia synon version or MacDeur's carmo in the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with States songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Set, 8.15pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm, 90m; et al.

21 GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Stoties pop dasses. Great stuff. Playthouse, Northumberland Avenue (071–839 4401), Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fn, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 150mins,

NEW RELEASES

BROADWAY BOUND (PG): Neil Simon's alter ego, Fugene, takes the plunge as a professional writer. Fat performances (Arme Bancroft, Hume Cronyn), but thin cinema. Director, Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic namy (Rebeca De Momay) wreaks revenge on a squeaky-dean family. Formula thriller with robust acting. Annabella Sciorra; director, Curtis Harison Camder Parkway (071–267 7034) MGM Cheksa (071–535 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071–536 0310) Oxford Street (071–536 0310) Oxford Street (071–536 0310) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071–792 3332).

NAKED LUNCH (18). A film like no other, skifutly carved from William Burroughs's novel by director David Cronenberg, Peter Weller as the writer-hero in a drug-induced Tangler of the med. With Judy Davis, Ian Holm. Carmden Pleza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) MGM Shaftesbur Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025)

REBECCA'S DAUGHTERS (12). Newector's Department of 122.

Unweeldy comic round from a Dylan Thomas script about injustice and rebellion in 19th century Wales. With Peter O'Trole, director, Karl Francis Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ RICOCHET (18): Escaped prisoner Russell Mulcahy MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636)

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on release across the country

Wim Wenders's ambitious, hugely flawed, globe-trotting blend of road move, romance and science-fiction. With Solvest Dommarin, William Hurt. Lumlère (071-836 0691). CURRENT

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LA BELLE NOISEUSE -

DIVERTIMENTO (18): Fascinating two hour digest of Jacques Rivette's epic about the painter, his model and Emmanuelle Béart. Milmenus (071-235 4225). v CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con

Emmanuelle Béart, Jane Birkin. Renoir (071-837 8402).

GEBERT AND SULLIVAN: Last season the "new" D'Oyly Carte Company (now in its fifth year) succeeded in annoying 685 traditionalists with stagings that tried to liberate the works from the

aspic in which some seemed to want them preserved for ever. This week, as part of the longest tour it has ever

undertaken, the company comes to London's Sadier's Wells with new

productions of The Mikado and The Yeomen of the Guard, both directed by

Andrew Wickes.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1

tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm (The Mikado); Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm (The Yeomen of the Guard).

(071-278 8916), tonight, 7.30pr

ENGLISH BAROOUE CHOIR: The

Barbican spring choral series continu with Mozart's "Great" Mass in C Minor. Leon Lovett conducts Lynda

Russell, Adele Panton, Andrew Murgatroyd and Graham Titus Barbican, Sik Street, ECZ (071-638

STARS FROM THE BOLSHOI BALLET:

STARS HOOSE THE BOUSHOU BALLET:
Bothol balletins Native Bessner fromos is
leading a company of 30 dancers on an
extensive British tour from April until
July, visiting 27 venues. Under the
direction of Bolshoi director Yun
Gricovich, the group will perform
two programmes, including the second
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De Montfort Hall, Leicester (0533 544444), bruight, tornomove, Regent, Ipswich (0473 281480), Apr 30-May 2. Futunist Theaster, Scarborough (0723 370742), Apr 30-May 2. Chris Centre, Haifax (0422 357257), May 6, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482626), May 7, 8. Mariowe Theatre, Canterbury (0227 767246), May 10-12.

Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

SIKULU: A company of black South

Attaches Gerangs Bland pag Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, Born, Fri, Sat, Spm and 8.30pm, 140mins.

☐ SOME LIKE IT HOT: Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734.8951), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 165mins.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW:

Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Cannel McSharry in likeable comedy

about a doing mother's womes. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Sat, Spin, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, Spin, 130mms.

Dancing at Lughrussa: Gerrick (071-494 5085). . . . Don't: Dress for Disser: Apolio (071-494 5070) Pive Guys Named Mos: Lyric (071-494 5045). . . Ill Joseph and the

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

HOLDER ACCURSITION: The National

HOLBERN ACQUISITION: The National Gallery's latest acquisition is a portrait by Hars Holbein the Younger of A Lady with a Squarrel and a Starring, characteristic in style but unusual in subject matter, since Holbein rarely painted women unless they were royal. This particular lady seems (to judge from costume) to be English, but no closer identification has proved possible. The picture is shown alone for a month, in the NG boardroom, before poining the gallery's two other Holbeins in the general collection.

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WCZ (071-839-3321), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, from today.

10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, from today.

GALA CONCERT: Sir Charles Groves

will conduct the English Sinforna in a costumed programme of music by Haydn, Mozart and Cimarosa in and of the National Trust Stowe Landscape

EILEEN GRAY: Irish-born, Gray spent most of her working life in France, where her furniture and interior decoration received an enthusiastic

decoration received an entitusiastic weakcome, chiming well with the Deco and Modernist trends of the time. When she took up architecture, though self aught, her first completed building was much admired by Le Corbusier. This show demonstrates her talent for architecture.

Design Museum, Butler's Wharf, London SE1 (071-403 6933). Tues-Sun,

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House full, returns only Some seats available

☐ THE POCKET DREAM: Foolish burlesque of A Midsummer Night's Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig. Dedicated fans only. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1) 15; Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun 30m 135mins.

THE POPE AND THE WITCH:

☐ THE RECRUITING OFFICERS

Drugs, death and dementia in the Vatican: Dario Fo's frantic comedy falls

as flat as a pizza. Comedy, Parnon Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm,

LI THE RECEIVAL INVO OFFICIALS.
Nicholas Hymer's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker content.
National (Offivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ REPLECTED GLORY: Afbert Finney very furmy as the victim of a play by his brother, Stephen Moore; after this good start Ronald Harwood's new

Sun, 3pm. 135mins.

Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

(071-928 8800) 7.30pm,

rdens Appeal. othrat Half, South Bank, London SE!

(071-792 3332).

SALMONBERINES (12): Helf-Esiomo foundling and an East Berlin escapee are thrust together in an Arctic community. Arch Percy Addin drama with a few fringe benefits. Stars k.d. lang Rosel Zech Metro (071-437 0757)

BARTON FINK (15): The Coen brothers' marveflous, macabre cornedy about a New York playwright all at sea in Forties Hollywood. Starming John Yurturn, John Goodman. A triple Carnes prizewinner at last year's Cannes Film Feston. HIGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

TIME WILL TELL (15): Documentary about reggee king Bob Marley's life, music and belefs, featuring 22 songs, plus rehearsal and interview footage. Director, Decian Lowney. Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

Rwette's hypnotic exploration of a painter and his model, struggling to complete an abandoned carrias. Close to a masterpiece. With Michel Piccoli,

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where

MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (15):

v CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Noise and family, Martin Scorstee's terrodous remake of a classic revenge thriller. With Jesoca Lange, Juliette Lewis. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2639) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 332)

DECEIVED (15): Goldle Hawn as the wife who doubts her husband's identity. Psychological thriller, weak on story, but stong on amosphere. Stars John Heard; director, Damien Haris. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Meszanire (0426 915683) Whiteleys 4731-703 3432).

THE DOTOR (12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knile and becomes a better person. Familiar material, but lively treatment. Director, Randa Hames.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)
West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3327)

Jordan

"Fraggle Rock" or the hospital ward in

Lilian Baylis Theatre Here the differences between psycho- the promised land of a one-roomed flat paths, depressives and mere neurotics in the south. Later she talks of stale ly, to cutting un other people, cutting up yourself, and worrying whether you should be

ity of his sentiment. The tear-jerking Until We Meet Again (1950) is the sad

story of a young couple separated for

ever by the war and unkind fate. At one

moment the couple pass a poor family

whose plight prompts them to reflect

on the sadness of life. The scene

provides a trailer for imai's next film.

And Yet We Live (1951), which centres

on this same little family, once prosper-

ous, now reduced to the breadline. This

shows the beneficial influence of Ital-

ian neo-realism (Bicycle Thieves in

Imai's heart was clearly touched by

every kind of underdog. Kiku and Isamu (1959) exposes the hostility suf-

fered by the mixed-race children of a

GI and a Japanese woman. The mara-

thon River Without a Bridge (1969) is

about the outcast Burakumin minority.

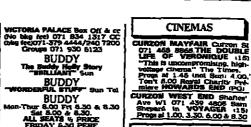
Troubled Waters (1953) is a collection

particular).

cutting someone up. From which you will gather this is no solemn sociological tract. Indeed, at times there is the ring of confessions ghosted for the tabloids. "Different spelt exciting, different spelt take me away from here," is how Shirley de-

with no lint but acid to apply to her pain. These lapses into over-literateness jar with the realistic language elsewhere: Coronation Street minus As a piece of yarn-spinning, however, the performance is engrossing. The first hour charts Shirley's descent into paranoia, the killing of her child and

from it: Why? And



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To the side of the melange on the Oxford pavement is a poster of this very photograph: a grubby, all-too-dark version of what is, in its original form. a dazzling, vivacious monu-ment to the eternal energy of youth. Just yards away, within the Museum of Modern Art. hangs a print of the original in an exhibition celebrating

LITERATURE

Pulitzer winner Toni Morrison has again drawn on American history for a new novel. Clive Davis met her

"The book starts out with an assertion of knowledge on the part of the name of says. Morrison and little by little, in the act of telling this story, it begins to feel utside, beyond the airconditioning, the Man-hattan traffic is building up towards its regular Friday afternoon chaos. Inside, in the headquarters of Random uneasy, it makes mistakes and mis-House on East 50th Street, Toni Morrison, one of America's most acclaimed contemporary writers, sits at a desk and sips a glass of designer mineral water. She looks comfortable in this setting, which is hardly suprising considering that she spent almost 20 years as an editor with the company. She rattles the ice cubes in her

uneasy, it makes mistakes and misreads something as the voices of the characters talk back. Which is what improvisation is you practise and you practise in your from, and then you build his wonderful and then you build his wonderful structure, and then you build his wonderful structure, and then you build his wonderful structure, and then you be a wonderful structure, and then you be an take you to a place that you would never have gone to otherwise.

By the standards of today's New York brat pack, Morrison's career, as a novelist took off slowiy. Bord Chloe Anthony Wofford in Ohie as 1931, she saught English at Howard University before joining Random House as an editor in the mid-Sixties. Her first novel, The Bluest Eye, was not published until 1970. Sula followed in 1974; three years later came. Song of Solomon. glass as she ponders a question, one that she has been asked before: why is she continually drawn to the subject of America's history? People ask me why I'm always writing about the past. I don't know. I think it's probably because there's more of it. It seems infinite and inexhaustible to me, and it can bear a lot of re-imagining. Especially black American life, because it later came Song of Solomon; arguably her finest so far, for which she won the Nanonal Book Critics Circle Award has been usurped by some people, and it needs to be re-imagined." Five years after she published the bestseller which brought her the Pulitzer Prize, Morrison has delivered her new novel, Jazz. Once again she is burrowing back in time, to the Harlem of the Twenties. But while the title many apple in the title provided the statement of the transport of the transport of the title t

ike its predecessors, the book drew on the story-telling traditions of Mornison's own family, with overtones of that now fashionable genre, "magical realism". After mixed regions for Tar Baby in 1981. Mairison enjoyed her biggest commercial success to date gest commercial success to date with Beloved, a tale inspired by the true story of an escaped slave who killed her baby daughter in order to "save" her from slavery.

Morrison finally quit Random House in 1983. When not writing

an unidentified narrator, that Dorcas has died at Joe's hands. That is
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ing near her desk. Is that true? She laughs: "Days? Months! I don't write until I can't not do it. So during the months and months that I'm not writing, I can think about it. Working regularly is a very adult and worthwhile way of doing it. I think the only reason I don't is that I've never been able to - I've had a job and I had to raise two children. You learn how to be efficient with time. I can steep, as it were, for loting periods, and I know I am doing nothing wasteful. Every sunset, every conversation that I have may re-surface and I'm serene in the knowledge that it's there." ● Jazz is published by Chatto & Windus

ARTS BRIEF

Norma of the north

SCOTTISH Opera, still running deficit of more than £900,000 despite emergency one-off grants this season from the Scottish Office and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, has unveiled its repertoire for 1992-3: its 30th anniversary season. There are new productions of Handel's Julius Caesar, Bellini's Norma, Il trovatore (to be conducted by Richard Armstrong, the music director designate) and The

Magic Flute.

Revivals of old productions include Cast fan tutte, La Boheme, Eugene Onegin and The Makro-poulos Case. Among the guest artists will be Jane Eaglen, singing the challenging title role in Norma, and the specialist Baroque conductor Nicholas McGegan, who takes charge of The Magic Flute.

Shelf life

THE London Library's 150th Anniversary Appeal will receive a boost this summer from three "Evening Readings at Christie's". Dame Judi Dench (May 18). Timothy West and Prunella Scales (June 15) and Alan Bennett (July 6) will take part in fund-raising evenings at the auctioneers in King Street. The £3 million appeal is to extend the London Library's premises as its million-volume collection grows by 8,000 titles a year. Tickets are obtainable from the Library (071-499 7471).

Olympian epic

NATIONAL Music Day, on June 28, will doubtless have many grand sights and sounds. But what will rival "the largest chorus ever assembled in modern times for a performance of Handel's Messiah"? That is concert promoter Raymond Gubbay's claim for a performance in the Grand Hall at Olympia in London, at which Sir Yehudi Menuhin will conduct more than 1,500 singers, drawn from all corners of the land. But only 1,500? Our Victorian ancestors once brought together 500 instrumentalists and 4,000 singers for a similar blast of Handel in the Crystal Palace.

Last chance . . .

VAN GOGH'S English period produced very few artworks; he spent 1873 to 1876 working for a London art dealer and hardly considering himself even as a potential artist. But what he saw of England and the socially conscious English art of the day had a profound effect on his later life and work. This is all fascinatingly chronicled in Van Gogh in England" at the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141). For good mea extraordinary colour photographs of the American, William Eggleston. Until next Monday.

CLASSICAL MUSIC COMPETITION

Wales produces worthy winner

to receive the £10,000 first prize on offer in the 80th anniversary year of the birth of the great contralto, Kathleen

duces winners capable of building big careers. This year, the award has vindicated its integrity once again, since the jury chose the thoughtful and intelligent baritone Gwyn Hughes Jones

The taking of infinite pains to bring something in depth out of the music; the ability to make the hairs on the back of one's neck stand up on end: these were the qualities sought by the jury from the very first. rounds of the competition, according to its chairman, bame Janet Baker. than accomplished self-presentation, engaged the audience at quite a different level. At St John's, Smith Square,

last Friday we had reached the stage of nine singers down. one to go, and no one had really done much to show they had achieved those qualities. Then up stood Hughes Jones and, with a confidence born of deep musical assurance rather

His serious, if anything understated, Rachmaninov was followed by the fresher, lilting air of a song in his native Welsh. And then came Rodrigo's "Per me giunto" from Verdi's Don Carlo. This dramatic scena was lived through in its every breath and

EXHIBITION: PHOTOGRAPHY

Black and right and read all over

inflection, and in a voice resilient enough to take the technical strain at every level. Dame Janet was eager to point out that his victory had been the subject of much argument, and was the result of a majority, not a unanimous, decision. The clear rival was the baritone Nathan Berg, already a favourite from his success in the recent Peter

was inevitable, for the polish and maturity of his performance is unquestionable, even if it still lacks the edge of character and insight to take him to the top.

Pears Award. His second prize

Anna Coote, a true and distinctive contralto, fittingly took third prize. Her "Es ist vollbracht" from Bach's St John Passion showed a sensitivity to the music's inner drama and a deep personal screnity very much in the spirit of the singer celebrated in this consistently fruitful award.

HILARY FINCH

TELEVISION REVIEW

Hot story, but it was frozen stiff

n a walking holiday in the Tyrol, a German couple stumbled one day last September on a body, sticking grotesquely from a glacier. Shuddering slightly, they took a picture of it with the last shot on their film, and reported the find to the authorities. Four days later a team of pathologists arrived to drag the pathetic remains from the ice.

While archaeologists down in the valley were poring over the traces of a Stone Age settlement with their usual scrupulous care, the pathologists up above were prising loose Europe's greatest find for years with two ski poles and an ice pick, borrowed from a passing mountaineer.

The ice man, subject of last night's Horizon documentary on BBC 2, had chosen a most curious place to surface. Glacierologists believed it impossible that a body could have remained there for even a few hundred years, let alone 5,000. To begin with it seemed that the man could fairly be claimed by the Austrians, but a more careful look at the terrain showed that he was in fact 92 metres inside Italy. Having lain silent beneath the ice for so long, the poor man was now the subject of an international dispute.

All this and the splendour of the find ought to have made a fascinating film, but I found the result rather flat. What producer Katharine Everett needed was a great performer or two to convey the excitement of the discovery: instead, she had a string of serious Germans and Austrians poring over a corpse.

That said, though, the film conveyed a lot of information about the infinitely remote Europe in which the ice man lived. One surprise was his age, 5,300 years instead of the 4,000 first supposed. Carbon dating at Oxford and Zurich established the fact, a shock to prehistorians because he carried an axe of a type they did not believe to exist then. A huge research pro-

gramme is now underway to tease every possible scrap of information from the body and the artefacts the ice man carried. His jerkin is a special prize, for no leather from this period has ever been found before. The grass from his boots, the wood of his axe handle and his bow and arrows, the copper axe blade, the blood, bones, stomach and even the ice man's DNA will be minutely anatomised.

What sticks in the mind, however, is the implausibility of the thing. Not only did the ice man die in a place where snow quickly protected his body from marauding animals, but between two ridges that allowed a glacier to form over the top of him without sweeping him away. He lay there while empires rose and fell, until finally a storm from the Sahara laid a layer of dust on the ice above him that absorbed sunlight and finally thawed him out. Only by a freak series of events was this window into the past opened up: an example of how luck can sometimes be a friend to scholarship. Another film will be needed in a few years, when all the data is gathered in.

NIGEL HAWKES

Intimate images of the ordinary heroes of Paris ast weekend in Oxford.

just outside the main shopping mall, a young man spread a dozen cheap photographic posters on the pavement. Their subject matter was diverse. Motorbikes and jazz musicians featured strongly, so too did couples kissing. Each poster, held against the pavement by strips of tape, cost £1. In one of the kissing pictures, by Trevor Watson, a couple are draped against a London bus; in another, by Jane Hilton, a similar couple stretch from two passing American cars, their lips seem to touch fleetingly.

Both photographs share a contrived, glitzy superficiality, and both owe their genesis to an earlier photograph by the French photographer, Robert Doisneau. In 1950, while on an assignment for Life magazine, he snapped a young couple kissing as they passed by his cafe table outside the Hotel de Ville in Paris.

Doisneau's 80th birthday. Doisneau's Kiss has become a kind of icon. It has been reproduced in almost every commercial form - as postMichael Young,

the picture editor of The Times, on a retrospective of the

work of French: photographer, Robert Doisneau

cards, birthday cards and posters - and more than 380,000 times at the last count. The

image has more joie de vivre and momentary abandon than perhaps anybody could expect to encounter in a lifetime of ardent endeavour. Its very success lies in the way Doisneau captures the ordinary man's love for life with an unashamed sense of humour. 7 hat makes these

photographs of such ordinary people going about such everyday lives so appealing? The answer is that there is nothing pretentious or contrived in his work. During his six working decades he has travelled the world, yet always he returns to Paris, where he has foraged the streets for the glimpses of humanity that only he can invest with significance.

He has never patronised the down-and-outs, the circus performers, the urchins with scuffed shins, but has embraced them with a warmth that is infectious and exciting. In his photographs, ordinary formed into hero and heroine. But his photography is also about the moment seized, of life caught on the wing. His intuition transforms the strange conjunction of the unexpected into fine photo-

graphic art. Above all, his photography is about the warmth and humour to which humanity can aspire.

Doisneau's world is a glimpse of this idealised place. A parade takes place along a

crowded street while we, from our elevated position, see also a father and daughter obliviously tending their garden, hidden behind a wall. A teenager lounges against a police telephone while two

young girls puncture his boredom. This latter picture, taken in 1957, has also been subjected to poster treatment, but in the exhibition it is a print hung alongside a set of tiny, fading, contemporary contact prints. In these yellowing sheets one can find insights into

Doisneau's creativity. The quarry moves into range, the theme develops, the shutter is pressed. And there it is, just so, beyond improvement the exposition of a universal truth set down with the audacity that only photography can employ.

Robert Doisneau: A Retrospective is at the Museum of Modern Art, Pembroke Street. Oxford (0865 722733) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 2-6pm, until July 19.



A moment captured: "A teenager lounges against a police telephone while two young girls puncture his boredom." in one of Robert Doisneau's studies of Paris. in 1957

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Washed out: the most gung-ho child can get tired of adventure

Four days before the mast

camp kept running through my head. "It is very entertaining/And they say we'll have some fun if it stops raining." Remember? "All the counsellors hate the waiters and the lake has alligators . . . "The chorus goes. "Take me hoo-ome. Oh muddah, fadduh, take

For we have had a rite of passage, and nerved ourselves to send the children away on a holiday course. Five hights in a snug bunkhouse on the wave-lashed foreshore, and five days on the water learning to sail. Not a computer game in sight: what could be healthier?

We were not, in fact, quite as hellbent on character-forming as some adventurefamilies which have only narrowly rejected early boarding-school, there often remains a weird notion that children should prove their independence of apron-strings by going off to camp for a week, like it or not. We did not feel that way: it has never seemed to me a heinous character-fault for a young child to like home and mummy best. The impetus came directly from a son of

nine, dead-set on doing a formal sailing course, and a daughter of seven, dead-set on not being left out. The sailing school of high repute — had a residential children's course which sounded fun. We cautiously arranged to spend a few nights

Packing, frankly, was hell. The act of ssembling a dozen bundles of clean, dry clothes raised nagging doubts: can the seven-year-old brain grasp the concept of

Was Libby Purves a wimp to retrieve her son and

daughter from a wet, freezing sailing camp?

adult in time? Would children who have according to plan, dropped in while I was hardly ever been known to put on a sat work. Observing that they had both sweater voluntarily be equal to the thermal judgments necessary for survival the sea, to soak every single item of on an April foreshore? Would anybody clothing intended for five days, he hear their teeth chattering?
I rang for travel directions: The chap on the phone sounded pretty military. Poor babies! I clutched the school's impeccable

credentials to my bosom, accredited by the Royal Yachting Association, established for years, affectionately remembered by the children of acquaintances. None of it entirely helped just then. The directions took us through a huge caravan site, just as the radio reported another caravan-site abduction. If gritted my teeth as my small, carefree passengers bounced excitedly.

drizzly expanses of mud under a cutting Arctic wind looks to children more like well, adventure. The young housemother seemed sensible. Enthusiastic adult sailors sat around in the usual garish rubberwear, discussing weather forecasts. It was not noticeably a child-centred place, but exuded self-confidence.

I stayed nearby and 'phoned in the morning as the worst weather system for weeks began to rattle the windows. "Too

a separate bag for wet things? of changing in main thing is that they enjoy themselves socks unbidden? of spotting when the Fine. I went home. So much for day one supply is running out and alerting an On the evening of day two their father. accepted that a father's place is in the launderede. Taking them out for a burgers he heard that the thinner, most cold prope of the two had undertaken a capsife dell in the icy April water without. incredibly, first putting on his hired wet-suit pechase "there wasn't time". Both went back in good spirits.

n day three the weather was even worse, with the wind set northerly and tasting of icebergs. The school did its best Nor did they mind being left. What with a blowy island picnic, a trip to the looks to adults like bleak bunkhouses and water back and games of pulling one drizzly expanses of mud under a cutting another around on launching trollies. Dropping in again we found the there's child even more so, despite the main but. Under stress of weather both children were growing seriously tired of adventure.
Our bed-and-breakfast landlady tolerant-

ly hauled mattresses out for two refugees. We returned them next morning, revived, and they sailed all day (sunnier, but still half a gale). However, the shivery-but-keen son flaked out in the rescue boat, too tired by bad weather and strange

places to finish the day. The perfectly-fit-but-fed-up daughter announced that she had gone off boats, and spent her pocket money on a toyshop badminton set. I have to report that on day five we gave up. With the for coming down, everyone

up. With the fog coming down, everyone short of sleep, one child palpably unwell and the other delivering a threatening monologue on the merits of indoor badminton, home beckoned. The sailing school amiably promised free days later in the year because of the unusually bad weather, and gave the children chocolate elephants. Laden with sodden clothes we struggled home to friends who brightly asked. "Did you have a legaly break?" Wa asked: "Did you have a lovely break?" We have rarely felt more exhausted, physically and emotionally. Gung-ho, boarding school parents will

scoff at our hovering vigilance and baling the children out after a mere four days. 'Leave 'em alone, they soon shake down!" "Feeling sick? Oldest dodge in the book!" Perhaps they are right. But both children now give the experience five out of ten — nine if it didn't blow and rain every day — and are keen for the next adventure away. Would this be so if we had turned deaf ears all week? Even in the Allan Sherman song it takes a gleam of sunshine to turn things round: "Just a minute — it's stopped hailing — guys are swimming, guys are sailing! Gee that"s better — mother, father, kindly disregard this letter?" And the proches was really this letter." And the weather was really vile. And he was a bit poorly...OK, so we were wimps. But the boy still loves sailing and wants to take up where he left off when the weather improves. His sister? Um... well, does anybody know of a really good residential badminton course?

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Your son's on the phone discussing where to meet on Friday night.

And you're cursing yourself for turning down this free offer. **Evergreen** food for thought

at up your greens! used And, as I recall, the exhortation referred to such verdant delights as spring cabbage, spinach and Brussels sprouts. "They're good for you," we were told as children. Though, remembering the tency of those greens that appeared to have been boiled throughout the sum-mer holidays to be ready for the Michaelmas term, I cannot imagine how much good. Our school must have had the most vitamin-rich drains in the county. Still, eating "greens" spelt virtue — moral and nutritional.

The way the world turns, it is different now. The children are green, and in many fames, that is all they will eat. are now just as likely to be concerned about the meat least a taste of the beige bits."

Greens consumption is un-

doubtedly easier than it used offered to children includes mung beans and alfalfa

sprouts, crisp calabrese and curly kale. The moral ground has shifted, too. More and more children Children are concerned want to about the ethics of meat-eating. They want to know not know how only what it is they are eating, but what it used to be. it lived and how it died

out Yorkshire pudding at Sun-The vegetarian issue was first raised in our household when my six year-old daugh-ter asked, "What is bacon actually?" Before I could form a suitably evasive reply, her older, carnivorous brother told her: "Dead pigs" bottoms. [1] have it if you don't want it."

Needless to say, she has not touched park since. But she is not totally vegetarian. Like many children, her perception of meat is influenced by what it looks like. While it is hard to imagine a cutlet gambolling in a meadow, a whole chicken looks like, well, a whole chicken. The smaller the animal, the more upset children are likely to be. Mine were horrified to discover sparrows on sale in a Spanish market. I bet that proverbial pheasant-plucker would have a job getting his son either to pluck or consume the results of his Certain flesh-based dishes

seem to escape the scrutiny of the would-be veggie child. A sausage never had a soulful look, and who could work up moral indignation about the slaughtering conditions of a "mince"? And pate presented on toast is so far from its source as to evade identification altogether.
This is probably true only

for trainee young vegetarians: Older children are more discerning and aware. They want to know whether it was a grown animal or a young one How did it live and how did it die? We who avoid such hard



DAVINA LLOYD

arranged on shrink-wrapped polystyrene trays. How many of us would turn vegetarian if we had to hunt what we ate? What was Wilde's definition, The unspeakable in pursuit of the uneatable"? Never mind having to twist or cut throats, even if we merely had to skin

would not lose their appetite? We had the full discussion while staying on my sister's free-range farm. The issue was thrown into sharp focus when the children saw a calf being born. My son was delighted to

have the creature named after him, but contemplative when he realised that it might well end up in a freezer in a few months. they helped to feed would not need feeding after Box-

ing day. It is sober-ing to have been personally ac-quainted with your lunch. If you are prepared to eat it, the chil-dren's uncle told them, you should be prepared to dispatch

it decently.

Although my children remain omnivorous, more of their friends seem to be taking the vegetarian path. This presents problems when they are invited to tea. I find I cannot always distinguish be-tween the faddy eaters and the committed vegetarians. My own will eat almost anything. This is probably because I am an atrocious cook, and they know from bitter experience (sometimes bitter and burned) that there is no point in rejecting what is on your plate in the hope that something preferable

be offered.
Their friends, however, are becoming fussier. Fish pie, is no longer a safe stand-by, it gives rise to conversations about dolphins, blue whales and depopulated oceans. Veggie-burgers and veggiehangers are considered a cheat. And it takes a better cook than I to make a nut loaf

toothsome. Whether today's children are more sensible than we were, or more sensitive, I cannot tell. Perhaps it is the sentimentality of much of their. literature, peopled anthropo-morphically as it is with mar-malade-eating bears wearing Wellingtons, or rascally rab-bits in small blue coats. I find myself out of step with their culinary preferences as I wheel my supermarket trolley in search of mushroom lasagne. lentil ragout or Quorn quiches - the unsympathetic in pursuit of the unappensing. The author is the editor

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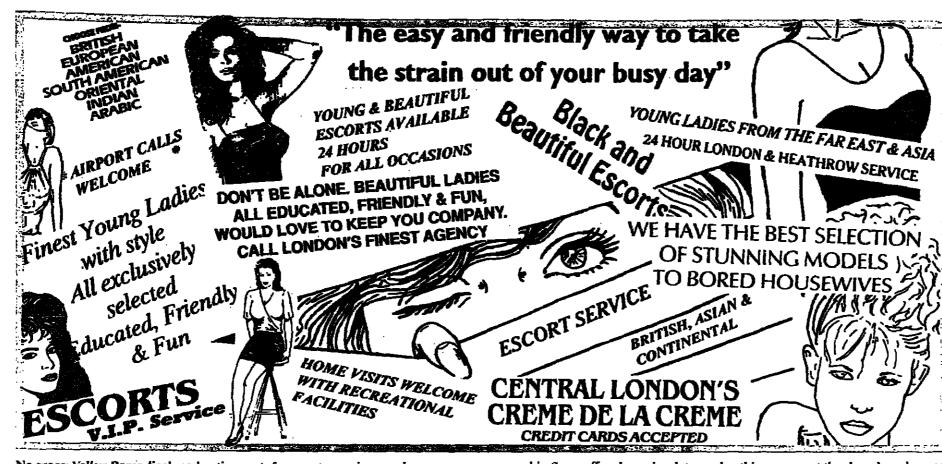
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No space: Yellow Pages display advertisements for escort agencies were by no means pornographic. Some offered genuine dates and nothing more, yet they have been banned

No sex please, we're BT

s the Mothers' Union makes a bid for modernity by calling for a debate on the legalisation of brothels, it has failed to notice that one late 20th century alternative to the brothel is doing nicely, paying its taxes, and co-operating with the police. The oldest profession is resilient

because it moves with the times, and the escort agency has replaced the brothel to a large extent. Calling for the legalisation of an institution past its self-by date misses the point. The changing method of the

prostitute has been reflected in slang over the years. She began as a streetwalker. As she developed confidence she became a hustler or a hooker. With the invention of the telephone, she became a call-girl. With the invention of the car, she met the kerb-crawler. And with the invention of the fax. answering machine. bleeper and mobile phone, she became an escort girl.

The escort agencies mostly advertise in the Yellow Pages. The London Central directory alone lists 35 pages of advertisements offering "attractive ladies", "handsome guys" and "com-plete confidentiality". Some offer genuine dates and nothing more: most do offer more. As Geena, who runs an upmarket escort agency serving London and the Home Counties says: "It's illegal to solicit for sex, but it's not illegal to arrange a companion for the evening. Any extras are paid as 'tips' direct to the girls. I've got nothing to do with that part, so my business is above board."

Geena works from home in a leafy suburb, and sits in a pink tracksuit taking calls from clients, screening them, and farming their numbers out to about 50 women. The three phones in her office behind the living from ring constantly. She has a fax and a paging service to contact the women, and keeps a black list: "I note payer, but bouncing cheques are our big problem."

Escort agencies have been denied advertising freedom, and not by

the moral majority but the Yellow Pages. Kate Muir reports

anything from £30 to £70 for the introduction, and most declare their profits for income tax. It is up to the escort to declare any further earnings.

The clients like the discretion of an escort agency — there is no risk of arrest by the police for kerb-crawling, the phone call is private, and the woman is either visited at home, or comes to a hotel or house. One of Geena's agency's clients, a titled man in his mid-seventies, says: "I'd be reluctant to go to a place where there were other people, and driving around Euston would terrify

me. I'd much rather the girl came to visit me at home in the village. Since my wife died I discovered I wanted some companionship, and you can spend a jolly nice evening talking to some of these girls. too. Using an escort agency minimises the impact on other people -- I don't want to shock them."

There are no pimps and the risk of violence and arrest in the street is minimised. The money is better sometimes £70 to £100 on top of the agency fee. One 24-year-old escort who gave up a badly-paid career in the theatre says: "Geena gives me the man's number and I suss him out on the phone. If he sounds fishy, I hang up, and I can arrange to meet him somewhere, and walk past if I don't

In two years of business, not one of Geena's escorts has been attacked. Keeping trouble off the streets helps the police, too, who quietly accept the presence of agencies. And the tax inspectors? They just take the money.

As for health checks and Aids, Geena says: "Working girls know their responsibilities. They'll refuse a

job unless a man uses a condom and spermicide. They don't have a death

So here is a situation which suits everyone involved - the escort agency is providing a legal or semi-legal service for which there will always be a demand. Yet the trade is threatened, not by moralists or the law, but by British Telecom. BT, which owns Yellow Pages, has banned display advertising by escort agencies and the lesser "massage parlours". So have the Thomson directories.

'It is not illegal to arrange a companion for the evening. Any extras are paid as

"tips" direct to the girls'

The Yellow Pages advertisements

For the women, it is infinitely safer. were by no means pornographic, mostly showing drawings of women in revealing evening dress, without mention of sex. The agencies' phone numbers will still be listed in one-line classifications, but any details of their service will be refused.

BT changed the regulations in the run-up to the election, and no one noticed. A spokeman said: "It has been drawn to our attention that people had been using these adverts to promote sexual services, and we decided not to accept display advertising." There have been no official complaints, but the change came after a "shock expose" in the Sunday

Asked to explain why escort agencies were to be banned, while BT was still accepting money from the 0898 sex chatlines, the spokesman said: escorts, and that the other runs her own design business and speaks Another client of Geena's, a 37-

year-old divorcée who works in local government, also agrees that discreet advertising is acceptable. "There's nothing trashy about what the agency does. I'm divorced. I want to meet articulate, educated girls occasionally without hanging out in singles bars or starting a heavy relationship." He is reassured that the women he sees work for themselves, negotiate their own fees, and are not exploited by a pimp. "If anything. I'm being exploned if you look at it from the feminist point of view."

He also admits there is a certain snob value to using an agency, which includes moonlighting mothers and career women on its books, as well as one deputy bank manageress. (A female police officer recently resigned when her evening job was discovered.) "It's miles away from a tart swinging her handbag under a lamp

That said, the ban on advertising, added to the present muddled law the girls reduced to putting stickers in phone boxes. which allows prostitution but not soliciting, will ensure more women There are a lot of lonely people, divorced people, and disfigured spend more time under lamp posts. and more time in police cells. A 39people out there. How else does a year-old graduate, who gave up a job in the civil service for the "tlexibility disability get out for an evening with of escort work, says without the backing of an agency and advertis-The septuagenarian who favours ing, she would give up. "As I see it, 50 years ago, gentlemen owned 20 racehorses and had two mistresses. liberty". A lifelong Times reader he Now they own a one hundredth says: "The adverts show pictures of share in a horse, and occasionally use

an escort agency." This is the prettier side of a process ranging from companionship to prostitution, far from pimps and violence, drugs and rape. The trade remains sleazy and dangerous. But what it does show is that a business which will survive every recession can at least be made sale. The Mothers' Union might be advised to include the escort agency in their debate.

Tailor-made for a Speaker

Bernard Weatherill found a perfect retirement job back in Savile Row

ernard Weatherill re-B sumes his role this week as head of the Savile Row tailoring establishment that bears his name. The Speaker's livery of breeches and embroidered swekings. made for him on his appointment in 1983 by the Federa-tion of Merchant Tailors is being packed off to Croydon Museum to be displayed in the constituency he has represented since 1964.

The retiring Speaker looks at home among the hunning coats and hanana-coloured breeches lined up in the headquarters of Bernard Weatherill Ltd. the business established by his father, where he is still known to some as

'Jack" Weatherill's twin sister, Marjorie, is known as Jill. Taking a pair of the rail — the company makes the Queen's riding dothes - Mr Weatherill stretches the pale whipchord wool over one knee and describes his five years' apprenes maker on the

board", as the breeches makers' low work bench is called, "We sat crosslegged at the board and used our knees to mould the cloth as we sewed. We pressed on our knees with a goose, which is a

gas-heated iron." He needs little prompting to produce from his pocket the pen-ended tailoring thimble

he has always carried with him during his other career in the House of Commons. He does all the sewing in his own household ("I sew on buttons and fix stray linings") but he admits to being out of practice when it comes to making a pair of breeches, let alone ailoring 2 suit. His retirement, he says.

must be read as in quotation marks. Taking up the role as president of the company is just one of many interests he will be pursuing. His brief is to develop the Bernard Weatherill name with a view to franchising. "This is an emotional thing for me," he says. The "old boy", as he calls his father, also Bernard Weatherill. "started from a poor background as a journeyman

Despite a gammy leg from infantile paralysis, the "old boy" was strong enough to become both the wrestling and boxing champion of Buckinghamshire in the same evening. Lord Burnham was so impressed by this sporting achievement that he set him up in business in Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire, from

where he went on to win awards as a craftsman tailor. The "old boy", he says, was a Christian socialist and a blunt man who led "the last decent strike in this country", the tailors' protest against sweatshop conditions in 1908. For Master Jack a paid tailoring apprenticeship to a Mr Tubb who could neither read nor write) was taken for granted. followed by a stint driving the delivery van and learning to

Three year's service in India during the second world war was the turning point in his career, "It was not the height of my ambitions to be a tailor ar that point," he says.



Fresh start: Bernard Weatherill

family business in 1957 when his father suffered a stroke. By the time he was selected as Conservative candidate for North-East Croydon in 1964 he had expanded the business to include To retail branches. "The height of my ambition was reached when I entered the House of Commons, Anything I've achieved since then has been a bonus," he says.

Tailoring is a good background for a life in politics. Mr Weatherill believes. The "old boy" taught him that. "Remember you are not fitting the customer's body but mind," was one of Mr Weatherill senior's maxims. "Never forget that the fussy customer makes the good tailor", was another of his maxinns but can be translated to apply to the fussy constituent

Rumours that the Speaker was responsible for raising standard of dress in the House are hotly denied. "Who am I to pontificate on dress?" he asks But he agrees that a backbencher might more easily have caught his eye if he or she were properly dressed.

He quotes from a report in The Sphere on the 1910 election. "Beware the shabby candidate: he is fully of shabby

LIZ SMITH

Hopping mad about loos

sieurs, mesdames, sees the publication of a survey that claims to reveal a very closet discrimination — Britain's public inconveniences. This study pinpoints the disparity between the provision of men's and women's WCs in public buildings around London, it concludes that until architects redraw their plans for "the geography", until women say no to water-closet abuse, until men recognise that what women actually do in there is not powder or gossip but queue, women will be left hoping in vain for relief.

"Schoolboys of all ages titter over toilets, but for women WCs simply are not a laughing matter," says Rebecca Goldsmith, who conducted the independent survey published by the Centre of Accessible Environments. Together with her husband Selwin, she checked 38 public buildings, including concert halls, hotels, airports, theatres, department stores, gallenes and motorway service stations.

Counting men's facilities was quicker work - but not because there were fewer. "My husband never queued. I did often " says Mrs Goldsmith. "At the British Museum I was nearly lynched for queuejumping until I explained my mission. Then the cries of rancour changed to demands for a petition." At the museum the Goldsmiths spent twoand-a-half hours checking: they found 41 appliances for men, 19 for women. (The museum says the figures are 46 and 22.) Was this to serve double the number of male visitors? Apparently not Of the 5.5 million annual visitors. the museum confirms the gender split to be 50:50. A couple's count of male and female public lavatories reveals inequality

Geoffrey House, the head of oases of equality look less public services, did not see why the count should include urinals rather than cubicles. "Does he as-

sume ladies don't pee in his lavato-Goldsmith. "How can urinals not count?" But the British Museum was not the only dinosaur lumbering along with this attitude. Of the 38 public buildings inspect-

goose and gander. Four buildings, all department stores, had fitted more WCs for women. Yet these apparent

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wonderful once the much greater proportion of female users was taken into account. The remaining 32 buildings had **Women** a larger number of male than fe-

male appliances. Asked to exhave had plain, institutions enough either tended to ignore urinals. liberation, mumble about space or deny the we want figures vigorous-ly. Carol Haynes, more loos' from the National Theatre's house-

smiths found only keeping, was two had equal numbers for deeply offended by the counters' conclusions about the smallest rooms in the house. "They say we have 64 for men, 28 for women; the

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National Theatre	64	28 28	
Royal Festival Hall	64	22	
Museums and art galleries			
British Museum	41	19	
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Royal Academy	9 40	25	
Science Museum, S Kensington	40	24	
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Shopping malls			
Hatfield Galleria	36	24	
Whiteleys, Bayswater	11	7	
Railway stations			
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Liverpool Street	49	20	
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Source, Centre for Accessible Environments			

figures should be 66 for men. 57 for women." Mrs Goldsmith was apoplectic. "Anyone can go and physically count as we did. The truth is that they don't want to know. Why do they think there are queues? Even when a recount included all the facilities in the restaurant areas, the discrepancy was still over 30 in favour of

In fact, Mrs Goldsmith's real point is that even if buildings do provide equa numbers, this is not true equality, "because women take twice as long to use the facility". Eva Jiricna, an architect, adds: "Even if you've got a very democratic developer or client, no regulations take any account of this imbalance." So why do women put up

with this far-from-ideal world? "Most see it as a fact of life," says Mrs Goldsmith. "Feminists have done nothing because they're too busy say ing God's a woman to bother about basics. I say women have had enough liberation. what we want is more loos!"

One option is unisex facilities. Over the weekend the queues for the 16,000 racegoers at Sandown Park's biggest annual event were less horrendous than in previous years: the additional Portaloos were all unisex. "Young people are quite happy with them." says Jamie Hooper, the managing director of the course supplier, Southern Mobile.

Mrs Goldsmith's answer is strict building regulations. But Ms Jiricna says change will be a long time coming. "The government is going to sit tight because legislation would incur huge costs. Women aren't going to be able to uncross their legs till lots more of us are MPs.

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They still make movies there, although I doubt whether those buses that trail around the former homes of former stars yet take tourists ogle outside David Hockney's eyrie. Give them time: after all. he is also a star

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Hepatitis find

AN Edinburgh team has discovered a new variety of the hepatitis virus, in work that could have world-wide implications for the screening of blood donations and the treatment of patients. The team, from the Scottish National

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Medical Research Council, has discovered a third variant of the hepatitis C virus and suspects that it may be responsible for unexplained hepatitis infections and indeterminate test results around

Antenna still stuck

YET another attempt to unstick the 16ft umbrella-shaped main antenna on the Galileo spacecraft bound for Jupiter has failed, engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena have announced. If it cannot be deployed, the mission will not achieve its objective of taking 50,000 pictures of Jupiter and its planets when Galileo gets

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could be used to send far fewer pictures. The United States space agency Nasa says the engineers will keep trying.

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ELEVEN scientists have been forced to bale out of a research station on an island of ice after the ice took a wrong turn and started melting. Trouble started on the nine square mile island, the home to a research station in the Canadian Arctic for 11 years, when it floated off course at the end of 1990. It is now off Ellef Ringnes Island, about 2,200 miles north of Ottawa, and breaking up. Efforts will be made to rescue £1.5 million worth of research equipment still on the floe.
"We're at the mercy of nature,"

said Bonnie Hrycyk, the acting director of Canada's Polar Continental Shelf Project.

Cancer check

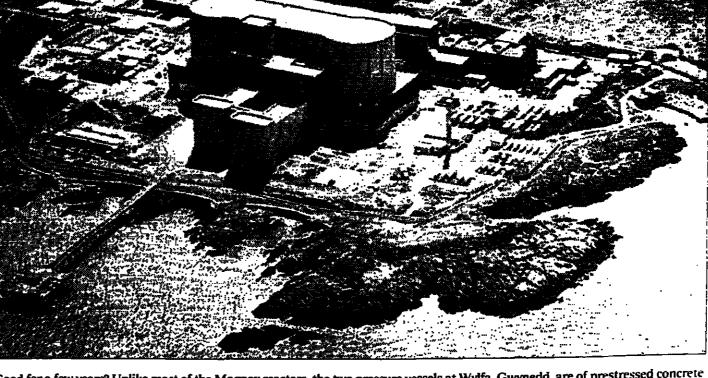
BLOOD tests may soon be used to detect cancer of the prostate, according to researchers from the United States National Institute of Ageing. In a paper in the Journal of the American Medical Association, they report that levels of a substance called prostate-specific antigen are raised in men with prostate disease. By following levels of the antigen over time, doctors can distinguish between cancer and benign prostate enlargement.

Rescue mission

THE space shuttle Endeavour is to take off next Monday on a satellite rescue mission, Nasa has an-nounced. It will be the maiden flight for Endeavour, built as a replacement for the Challenger, lost in a disaster in 1986. Endeavour will carry seven astronauts, who will try to rescue an international communications satellite which is stranded 300 miles from Earth in a uselessly low orbit because of a flawed launch by a Titan rocket two years ago.

Wheat's wild streak

AUSTRALIAN and Chinese scientists have created a wheat resistant to dwarf yellow virus, which devastates crops in Europe, North America, China and Australia. They did so by inserting a gene from a wild grass into wheat. "Up to now there has been no resistance available to wheat despite great expenditure on research around the world," said Phil Larkin, a scientist with the Australian government's Com-monwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.



Good for a few years? Unlike most of the Magnox reactors, the two pressure vessels at Wylfa. Gwynedd, are of prestressed concrete

Life in the old reactor yet

family runabout being coaxed though anothe MOT, Britain's first generation of nuclear power plants are putting off their last farewell for as long as they can.

Unlike Russia and Eastern Europe, where old plants are seen as a threat, Britain's nuclear engineers regard the Magnox stations, completed between 1962 and 1972, as a valuable resource that could go on generating electricity safely into the early years of next century. First, though, they must pass the nuclear equivalent of the MOT — approval by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate. The plan has, inevitably, proved

controversial. Bridget Woodman of Greenpeace says that the Magnox stations should be closed down immediately, and accuses Nuclear Electric of deliberate delay because it does not want to bear the heavy costs of decommissioning them. John Collier, Chairman of Nuclear Electric, dismisses the charge and asserts that "it is just plain common sense" to go on operating these stations beyond 30 years. "We think they are good in engineering terms for up to 40 years." he says. The Magnox plants were expensive to build and by modern standards do not generate a huge

amount of power. But by now their

capital cost is largely written off,

and the electricity they do generate

Successful

Should Britain's Magnox plants be shut down or can they still be a useful — and safe — resource? Nigel Hawkes reports

These were originally made to the highest standards of the day, and

inspection has so far failed to reveal any flaws. According to Clive Smitton, director of generation for

the Magnox stations, the most

difficult problem is the hidden

damage done to the microstructure

of the steel by the radiation in

The effect of years of irradiation

is to cause alloying elements in the

steel and in the welds, principally

copper and phosphorus, to migrate

towards the grain boundaries. In

addition, there are changes in the

metal's crystal structure; both tend

to make the metal more brittle. The

effect is greatest at Trawsfynydd, in

Wales, where small design differ-

ences have exposed the steel to

All steel has a transition tempera-

ture below which it tends to fracture

in a brittle fashion rather than a

ductile one. Irradiation raises this

temperature, which could mean

that parts of the Trawsfynydd

pressure vessel were operating in

their brittle regime. While this

might be safe, it would be difficult

greater radiation doses.

which it is constantly bathed.

is cheap. It thus makes every kind of sense to Nuclear Electric to try to

keep them going.
In typically British fashion no two Magnox plants were absolutely identical. Nuclear Electric's predecessor, the Central Electricity Generating Board, had already decided in 1988 that Berkeley, on the Severn, could not economically be kept going. But that left seven stations, each with two reactors and a total capacity of 3,220 MW.

The Magnox stations are conservatively-designed and cooled by gas. The size of their pressure vessels makes it impossible to consider total replacement. Twelve of the reactors have steel pressure vessels, the other four, at Oldbury and Wylfa, prestressed concrete. The changes needed to justify a

longer life include some to update safety systems to modern standards: new controls for the emergency shutdown systems, extra water-storage tanks for cooling the boilers, better fire detection systems, even earthquake sensors. Steam pipes have been checked for thickness by new high-energy X-ray techniques. Electrical cables have been tested using thermal.

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intends to raise the temperature of the inlet end of the pressure vessel to ensure it remains ductile. There is a price to pay. The change means that at I rawsfymydd the inlet temperature of the coolant gas will be raised by 40 to 50 C, reducing the station's output from The key issue, however, is the integrity of the pressure vessels.

390 MW to 230 MW. In the other stations, where radiation damage is much less, the inlet temperature will be increased only when the reactors are being started up, so loss of output will be marginal. Dr Smitton and John Moares. the station manager at fraws-

to prove it: so Nuclear Electric

fynydd, expect to have completed the modifications by September and made the safety case to the NII. With its approval, the station could be started up again in October.

Nuclear Electric appears confident the approval will be given. while Bridget Woodman is equally sure it won't. "Downrated. Trawsfynydd will produce only haif of I per cent of Britain's electricity" she

The point is that Nuclear Electric cannot afford to close it, so it keeps making these safety cases to keep the issue open. The company just won't give up the ghost."
On the contrary, says Dr
Smitton, "No technical factors have been identified that should predude operation to lives of 35-40 years." It will be up to the NII to determine which is right.

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Next month the controlling body of a battered British institution will meet to ponder the future. Melinda Wittstock suggests an agenda

20 questions for BBC governors

THE BBC is facing its biggest challenge since it began broadcasting 70 years ago. The Reithian ethos of public service which earned the corporation its reputation for innovation and quality is under threat as the government ponders the corporation's future in the newly competitive broadcasting environment.

Yet the 12 men and women ultimately responsible for the BBC's services, standards and philosophy have been silent about what they believe the future should hold after the expiry of its royal charter in 1996. Even many of the BBC's supporters fear that there is no modern-day Lord

1 What, do you believe, is the BBC's fundamental raison d'être? a) to inform? b) to educate? or c) to entertain?

Sir John Harvey Jones, the former ICI chairman and now BBC2's Troubleshooter, has argued that no company or organisation can successfully adapt to a changing environment without "getting the strategic one-liner right". The BBC avoids articulating that one-liner at

Must the BBC be all things to 🗸 all viewers and listeners in a multi-channel environment, or should it concentrate its increasingly limited resources on offering its audience what its commercial competitors cannot provide?

The BBC argues that it cannot justify the licence fee unless it serves all who pay it. But governors are sure to be challenged on whether retention of the fee is a strong enough argument for broadcasting game shows and Australian soaps just to keep audiences on par with its commercial rivals.

Standards of programme-mak-

ing could fall in the commercial sector if the BBC does not compete head-on with ITV, Channel 4, satellite and the new Channel 5 in popular entertainment. On the other hand, quality might suffer if the BBC spreads its resources too thin, rather than concentrating on what its rivals do not do at all and what it can do best.

Public funding via direct taxation could still be justified if the BBC occupied the higher ground of news, current affairs, education, arts, religion, children's, adaptations of literary classics as well as innovative drama and comedy. All taxpayers fund the opera and the arts, so the argument goes, but many in the BBC believe the corporation would quickly be marginalised if it became merely a provider of esoteric, eccentric programmes no one else wants to broadcast and few want to watch.

3 As guardians of the public interest, will you as governors ask licence payers which BBC services they most value by ensuring there is a full public enquiry into the future of the BBC?

BBC governors and management have been accused of pre-empting public debate by proceeding with the Producer Choice reforms, which many fear will change BBC's ethos, turning it from spending body to company without even the pretence of debate.

4 How will you justify the licence fee as BBC andiences decline through the decade as the number and competitiveness of new commercial channels increase? Unless the overwhelming number of Britons watch BBC1 and BBC2 Reith at the top with the necessary longterm vision and charisma to steer the service through to the next century.

The influence of Sir Michael Checkland, the director general, whose contract was extended for a year before he made way for his deputy. John Birt, has inevitably diminished, while protocol keeps Mr Birt from saying anything until

he takes over in April next year. Meanwhile, 15 internal taskforces, set up last year by Sir Michael to "think radically" about the shape of things to come, have generated a paper mountain of contradictory proposals, many of

document to be debated by governors and management during their annual retreat in the Cotswolds on May 20.

The BBC refuses to publish, or comment on, the taskforce reports of its 100 brightest middle managers, whose contributions to the debate are none the less in the public domain after a series of leaks. Their recommendations include abolishing regional production of all output except for news and current affairs: ending all union recognition and introducing personal contracts;

the Open University production centre at Milton Keynes; abolishing Radio 5: leasing BBC1's airtime from 9am to 1pm every weekday to commercial broadcasters; relying on the independent sector for 40 per cent of television programmes. instead of the 25 per cent required by law, and shedding 10,000 jobs by 1996.

But as the internal policy debate rages. far more profound and controversial changes, governing the way programmes are made, are being implemented without any debate. Programme makers both inside and outside the BBC fear that the BBC is emasculating itself with marketorientated reforms. Ripples of redundancies are transforming more and more BBC producers, writers and directors into nervous people on one-month contracts, while many of those who remain complain that they are being turned into accountants by the Producer Choice reforms, which force BBC TV resource departments to compete on price with outside contractors.

The governors, as "guardians of the public interest", charged with ensuring that the concerns of all viewers and listeners are represented, are coming under increasing pressure to ensure that

the BBC does not make any irreversible changes before the public has had its say. Also criticised for being too preoccupied with the day-to-day running of the BBC. rather than the long-term picture, they are not making their own views known. particularly as uncertainty pushes morale of BBC employees to its lowest ebb.

The BBC says it will not make any public statement about its future until the autumn, yet its reticence could mean that the agenda of the debate is set by the government. In an attempt to pre-empt this possibility, the governors should answer the questions below.

despite recent denials by Sir

16 Who are you most con-cerned with pleasing as the expiry of the charter approaches? a) BBC management b) BBC employees of the Heritage ministry d) the viewer and listener e) the chattering classes f) Tory MPs? The cancellation of Peter Jay's Panorama programme about the government's record on the economy during the election campaign heightened existing fears that the corporation is prone to self-censor-ship. Sir Michael says the producer choice reforms are meant to ensure the government cannot attack it on

corporation. 7 How large a proportion of licence fee income do you think can justifiably be spent on radio. particularly if BBC TV begins to earn extra revenue

grounds of inefficiency, but many

in the industry believe that strategy

might not be best for the

through sponsorship and the commercial activities of BBC Enterprises? Thirty per cent of the BBC's licence fee income is devoted to radio

18 Do you think the BBC should be allowed to use its own airtime to advertise its own commercial ventures?

Last year the BBC was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by the DTI after rival publishers complained that the BBC's on-air promotion of maga-zines such as Radio Times and Food & Drink put them at a disadvantage. The BBC had been told by the Home Office it must raise £72 million a year from the commercial exploitation of its assets to augment the licence fee.

19 Do you truly represent the ers? Should you? Many broadcasters believe the

governors are drawn from too narrow a base, and that the list of the great and the good must be extended to create a more diverse board, both socially and regionally It has also been suggested that governors leave the management of the BBC to its managers to avoid conflicts of interest between the public the BBC.

 $20^{\,\mathrm{Who}}$ is the man, woman or committee with the necessary vision, sense of purpose and enthusiasm who will steer the BBC into the 21st century?

ition was not advertised, even internally, and neither Sir Michael nor John Birt were invited to outline their future strategy.

















14 Do you believe the BBC must operate as a business

Many broadcasters believe the BBC is confusing the need for greater efficiency with the establish-

ment of company structure. Inside

the BBC, programme makers com-

plain that not enough thought was

put into the internal market pro-

ducer choice reforms. Tony

Lennon, co-president of the BBC's

main union. Bectu. said resource

departments such as scenery had

been weighed down with such

large overheads that even if his

members agreed to work for free

they could not compete on price

with outside providers. A North

Acton scenery unit was recently

forced to close, selling off £75,000

of scenery; to rent back later just

three pieces cost Last of the

Summer Wine about £2,000, he

in order to be efficient?

The governors: top row, from left: Marmaduke Hussey, chairman, Lord Barnett. vice-chairman, Sir Kenneth Bloomfield (Northern Ireland governor), Jane Glover, Sir Graham Hills (Scotland), Lady James. Bottom row, Dr Gwyn Jones (Wales), Bill Jordan, Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Keith Oates, Dr John Roberts, Mrs Shahwar Sadeque

each week, the government is likely to reduce, or replace, the licence fee. Last autumn BBC1's ratings fell to their lowest level in years to 33 per cent, a full 10 per cent behind ITV. An extra £60 million freed by efficiencies to revitalise drama and entertainment has so far helped BBC1 back up to about 35 per cent. But bracing itself for a fall in audiences, the BBC is measuring its performance by the number of people it reaches at some point each week. Will Wyatt, managing direc-tor of BBC Television, says he will be content as long as BBC1 and BBC2 are watched for a minimum of two hours each week in at least 90 per cent of households. The domesday scenario is a drop in BBC1's average ratings to below 25

In five years, say media ana-5 In five years, say media analysts, BSkyB's revenue will be greater than that of BBC TV (£943 million last year). How will you ensure that the BBC continues as a dominant force?

The gap between licence fee in-come and UK commercial broadcasting revenue will have grown from a current £676 million to more than El billion by the end of 1996 and about £2 billion by 2003. says Zenith Media. By the turn of the century, the BBC could find itself unable to spend as much on original programme making as the

6 BSkyB, whose success is de-pendent on securing Holly-wood movie and sporting rights, will soon be able to outbid the BBC at every turn. Will you let viewers miss out on sports? Sky Sports' recent coup on World Cup cricket showed how willing sports fans were to buy satellite

7 How do you plan to ensure that the BBC attracts and retains the best talent when com-mercial rivals will have more educational output j) BBC2

Loyalty no longer has currency, as the BBC cuts its in-house production capacity and forces more and more into the independent sector. Established independent producers. meanwhile, will tend to sell programmes to the highest bidder.

8 in most cable households BBC1 and BBC2 can be found on channels 46 and 48. Research in the US shows that channels I to ten are the most watched. What strategy do you have for ensuring that both BBC channels are not marginalised in the cable dial's

double digits? By 2000, more than 14 million British homes will have access to cable and 55 to 60 per cent of those homes will have subscribed, according to the Independent Television Commission (ITC). Placement on the cable dial is likely to be dictated ever. . study by the London

by which broadcasters bid the most. If the BBC does cannot compete in this new cut-throat climate, BBC1 and BBC2 could end up BBC18

O If the BBC finds itself unable It to run all of its present services, which of the following would you cut, and in what order? a) local radio b) Radio 5 c) Radio 2 d) televised sport e) training f) regional TV production g) feature

10 If you are forced to cut existing services, will a 24hour BBC satellite news channel still be a priority given that both Sky News and CNN are already competing in Britain?

1 1 What type of commercial funding would you prefer if the government decides to reduce the licence fee: advertising or subscription? ITV, Channel 4, Channel 5, satel-

lite and commercial radio stations all competing for static revenue - will lobby hard to ensure that the BBC is not allowed to take advertising. Research commissioned by the BBC shows that if the BBC were to take two minutes of advertising an hour it could make £334 million in 2000. Subscription, meanwhile. could marginalise the BBC. Howscribe voluntarily to the BBC if its licence fee were abolished, with most households willing to pay at least £200 a year. However, the study did not take into account competition from satellite and cable channels 12 How will you better demonstrate that viewers get better value at £77 for the whole of

Business School conducted more

than a year ago found that nearly

all television viewers would sub-

BBC services than the £250 a year an increasing number of viewers pay for subscription channels on Recent research conducted for The

Voice of the Listener and Viewer lobby group revealed that viewers would be willing to pay an average E10.38 per week for just 20 BBC TV programmes. That translates into about £500 a year compared to the £77 paid for two TV channels. five national radio stations, a local radio network, cultural patronage and other BBC services.

13 Do you think the BBC should continue as its own regulator?

George Russell, the chairman of the ITC, has argued that it is a conflict of interest for those who make and broadcast programmes to also regulate them and called for the establishment of only one regulator for television.

15 What do you believe is the minimum level of in-house production needed to allow the BBC call itself a significant pro-gramme-maker? Would it be acceptable to allow independents to

make half the BBC's output? Broadcasting legislation requires the BBC to meet a 25 per cent independent production quota. But some BBC programme makers fear that the Producer Choice reforms are transforming it into a publisher-broadcaster akin to Channel 4,

The governors have been criticised for the manner in which they chose the next director-general. The pos-

Painting a wider canvass

Direct mail is widening its constituency, helping the major political parties

target potential voters for their opinions

ored with hearing dubious to target particular groups of voters, claims from politicians about "the feeling on the doorsteps"? If so, relax. As a political cliche it could be on its way out. But also beware: instead, they might start referring to "the feeling in the reply coupons", as direct mail becomes increasingly important to political campaigning.

Direct mail is the electioneering of the future," says Brendan Bruce, former director of communications for the Conservative party. "Imagemakers have always wanted to talk to people directly. The technology to do this has arrived. In the past it was done with canvassing, but that can't get round everybody, and getting the right quality of canvassers is virtually impossible."

All three main parties have already used direct mail successfully, especially for fund raising. While Conservative Central Office will not reveal detailed figures. Chris Woodhams, head of direct mail. says that over the past year, "we are

talking millions of pounds". However, it is Labour's efforts which have most impressed the marketing industry. During the four weeks of the election campaign alone its mailshots raised about £1.3 million in donations from more than 60,000 individuals. fony Manwaring, the party's business manager, describes it as "the most successful broad-based fundraising campaign in British

But fund-raising is only part of the direct mail story. Many constituency organisations in all three parties have also used "persua-sional" direct mail, as it is known. so that the elderly, say, receive personalised letters about pensions. By the next election, persuasional direct mail will be much more widespread and sophisticated. exploiting the increasingly detailed information about millions of people collected by commercial databases. Parties will use its ability not only to target key voters in marginal seats but also to build a relationship with the electorate.

Here the Tories seem to have the upper hand. Their trail has been blazed by the constituency association in Kensington. London. Helped by ICD, the database company, it has been mailing selected voters with questionaires for four years, seeking their views on national and local issues. The party held the seat on a swing of only 1.4 per cent against them, one

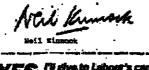
of the best in London. More than 100 Tory constituencies employed similar questionnaires. Many have also used data supplied by ICD to help target their mailings. The company has computer files on about 40 million

people, nearly the entire electorate. ICD is now expanding the information it can offer political parties. Every three months it sends an extensive questionnaire about spending patterns and interests to a million people. Last February, for the first time, it also asked for political opinions. The company intends to build up a detailed profile of, for example, the characteristics of undecided voters. It will then be able to supply political parties with lists of electors with specific characteristics.

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Dear Mr Voter: how the two main parties use direct mail

companies we can do for political parties," says Tony Book of ICD. Every marginal in the country could go one way or the other due to direct marketing techniques."

Developments here reflect those abroad. One of the most successful international exponents of direct mail has been Australia's Labor party, and of course the United States is also leading the way.

rayton Bird, a direct marketing expert and adviser to the Tory party, says: "In US politics more money is now spent on direct marketing than on conventional advertising. The questionnaire technique will be used more and more in Britain. because people appreciate the continuing communication." Labour is also looking to a

"What we do for insurance similar vision of the future. "British compaigning will increasingly be individual electors," Mr Manwaring says. "The challenge is developing an increasingly sophisticated understanding of how key

voters in key areas think." The only likely obstacle to the growth of political direct mail is the European Commission. A potentially highly restrictive draft directive on data protection is causing concern in the direct mail industry. But Tony Coad, of the European Direct Marketing Association, which has been lobbying against the directive, says: "When it comes to it, the politicians will probably give themselves an exemption."

> MARTIN ROSENBAUM

Sense, not sensation

Labour is wrong if it thinks Britons voted the Tories back into power because the tabloid newspapers told them to

A "a menace to the Constitu-tion" (by Sir Edward Heath) and a "sewer" (by John Biffen), I urge all who suffer abuse to bear it charitably. After all. I have waxed fat on their generous tributes to my notoriety. And anyone who has briefed the parliamentary lobby as much as I have is never thrown when that glazed look comes over

s one who has been called

I have, however, been getting a lot of glazed looks lately. This is because of my scepticism over whether the popular newspapers were responsible for returning John Major to power.

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another loony on their hands.

"It stands to common sense that they did." my critics say.
"And if you don't think that the press matters all that much, how come you spent half your working life as a press secretary trying to secure a good - not to say adoring - press for the government of the day?" Allow me to present the case for

the defence. First, I have a difficulty. Labour failed to fulfil the general expectation that it would form the government, although I never altered my almost dead accurate forecast of an overall Tory majority of 20. The polisters failed to foreshadow the Tories' late surge, and Conservarive Central Office failed abysmally to command the debate or argue positively why the Tories should have a fourth term.

Who, then — if not the terrible tabloids - guided the hands of floating voters to produce, for them, the almost perfect result: a kick up the backside for the government without the risks of a Labour government?

dashed Labour's hopes among Essex men and their Traceys and Lancashire lads and their lasses? These government makers and breakers live in prime tabloid

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territory, just as do Yorkshire Tykes. And what happened in the White Rose county? Nigh on 20 per cent of Yorkshire constituencies swung away from Labour

and towards the Tories. No wonder Lord McAlpine, Tory fundraiser extraordinary (retd), was moved, in his frustration with Conservative Central Office's peculiar blend of electioneering, to put it all down to the News Group, Associated and

Express Newspapers. I am sure that Rupert Murdoch and his ermined colleagues, Lords Rothermere and Stevens, would like to think they wielded such influence over political affairs. But the research evidence. such as it is, deems otherwise.

For example, half The Sun's readers are found to have voted Labour, against their paper's advice. Similarly, the swing Torywards among readers of the Daily Mirror, which campaigned slavishly for Neil Kinnock, was, it seems, marginally greater than the national average.

So why, if newspapers count for so little in politics, did I mis-spend more than half a working life on that brutal frontline between govemment and media?

Let us leave aside such honest reasons as the opportunity to indulge my fascination with politics, and look at the issue through the eyes of a professional servant of government

Democratic governments need to explain themselves to their electors. The more effectively they do so the better they are likely to be regarded. Link this with my conviction that the British are the world's most sophisticated electorate and you can easily square the

In short, I do not believe that elections are won or lost in the three weeks leading up to the poll. Common sense dictates that a suphisticated electorate judges a government and opposition par-

ties over time. In the absence of scientific research to show precisely how tabloid readers won marginals for the Tories, my long-termism is a more impressive theory, and de-

Practice makes perfect managers

Health services now depend on practice managers to handle their

affairs, Bernadine Coverley says

ver the past two years, health centres and GPs surgeries have become increasingly business-like. The introduction of new contracts between GPs and the health services gave all practices more financial responsibilities. The key coordinating job changed from administration to active management. Since most doctors want to put their energies into making patients better, practice managers have been taken on to balance the books, handle staff contracts and monitor the delivery of services.

While the practice manager is not as visible to patients as the doctor or receptionist, he or she is vital to the smooth running of the surgery. Because this requires personnel, financial and computer skills, it has attracted a new breed of

Stephen Embleton, who is 32. came from a management back-ground in the City before taking on his current job in a north London practice, in which he is responsible for 30 full and part-time staff providing for 19,000 patients. But despite his management and computer experience, he says that "this was a bigger job than I thought it was going to be. It's not as nine-to-five as you would imagine". Mr Embleton, who manages one of the largest practices, is committed to modern methods.

The ethos around which the practice manager works is one of best care provided cost-effectively. He or she therefore has to carry out "medical audits" to check on performance levels and the value of services. From implementing all NHS regulations and directives to organising staff training, the prac-tice manager has to be in touch with all aspects of the operation. The new direction in general

practice needs managers interested in development and capable with budgets. David Dungworth, of Gloucestershire Family Health Ser-vices Authority (FHSA), says: "From our perspective, good management skills are essential for the effective use of cash-limited

Together with Bristol Business School, his FHSA is taking a look at gaps in existing in-service training. We must recognise the aspirations of practice managers, who in our experience are enthusiastic and



Andrew Walsham, who went into management from computing: "It's like running a business'

of the youngest in Britain. After computer and accountancy studies. dedicated," he says.

At 24, Andrew Walsham is one
he took on a computer job at a busy surgery before becoming deputy

practice manager for six GPs with 12,000 patients.

of four GPs with 5,700 patients in He has now completed the the small Yorkshire town of Otley. Diploma in Practice Management As well as the daily routine, his surgery has links with the local hospital and produces a patients' newsletter. "It could never be monotonous. It's like running your own business," he says. Since fundholders are only com-

ing to the end of their first year, many practice managers are pio-neers. Quality control and meetings seem to be their two main

Pam Wiggert spends a large part of the week in meetings with the local hospital and community services, such as physiotherapists. She collaborates closely with the senior partner, who is designated as fundholder. Prices of services and value for money are the key topics of discussion. She also meets with other fundholding managers from the Greater London area to discuss what sort of contracts work best. whether budgets are being exceeded, and, of course, what to do when there are problems with either.

Although it is still possible to come in as medical secretary or computer operator and become deputy and then practice manager. nance is usually necessary. Advertised posts often ask for the Dip-loma in Practice Management computer skills.

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a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1991 b. To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the

Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations. c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of

the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company. d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to amend Article 4 of

the Articles of Association for the purpose of authorising the Directors to increase the share capital of the Company to DKK 767,291,000.00 and a resolution to amend Articles 2 and 13 relating to the availability of documents for inspection and the collection of admission cards in London and Paris, respectively. and, if thought fit, sed by the Board

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f. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

g. To elect Directors of the Company.

h. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolutions set out under items d. and e. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the Gen-eral Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolu-tion may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General

From Monday 11 May 1992 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated accounts with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office at Kongens Nytory 26, second floor, and in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Compa-

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1.30 Neighbours, (Ceefax) (s) (64590409) 1.50 Turnabout. Quiz game that tests word power. Presented by Rob Curling (64594225)
2.15 Film: House Calls (1978) starring Walter Matthau and the new MP Gienda Jackson. Comedy about a philandering physician who meets his match when he attends a "helpless" accident victim. Directed by

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5.10 The Lowdown: Positive Thinking. CHOICE: If you happen to have seen Bookmark last night, with its autopsy of a child Aids victim, this programme featuring youngsters autopsy of a child Aids victim, this programme featuring youngsters with the HIV virus will be very distressing for you. Yet as its title implies it is very positive in outlook. We see how enlightened teenagers in Edinburgh volunteer to work in Aids hospices, we hear how Lothian region's education authority has introduced the subject of Aids in primary school classrooms, and towards the end of the programme we meet Kate, a lively six-year-old who is leading a normal life despite having, as she puts it, "a bug inside her". She knows very little, yet she knows exactly what she needs to know. "It's mostly about when you get cut, or something", she says. (Ceefax) (s) (7410886)

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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (901848). Northern Ireland: Inside 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax)

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7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (119) 8.00 Just Good Friends. Comedy series about an on/off romance, written by John Sullivan (r) (Ceefax) (3041)



Teamwork: detectives police the criminal world (8.30pm)

8.30 Crime Limited. The first of a new ten-part series in which the cameras go behind the scenes of crime. (Ceefax) (s) (9848)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (2770)
9.30 Film: Physical Evidence (1989) starring Burt Reynolds and Theresa Russell. Thriller about a former policeman with a history of violence who goes on a binge and wakes up to find he has been accused of the murder of a mobster. Directed by Michael Crichton (973461). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.11.35 Film: Physical Evidence 11.05 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Howard's End and Grand Canyon and an interview with Terence Davies who talks about his new film The Long Day Closes (s) (469577). Northern

11.35 Private Eye. Private detective series set in 1956 Los Angeles Starring Michael Woods and Josh Brolin (505428) 12.25am Weather (2203368). Wales: Film 92 12.55 News and weather

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B.00 News (6442409) 8.15 Westminster. Highlights of yesterday's election of the new Speaker (6425732) 8.30 A Place in the Sun (r) (4088041)

9.05 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (30508480) followed by You and Me (r) (23157732) 2.15 See Hear! Magazine series for the deaf community (r) (131041)
2.45 World Snooker. Eamonn Holmes introduces action from the

opening quarter-final matches in the Embassy world professional championship. The commentators at the Crucible, Sheffield, are Clive Everton, Jack Karnehm and Ted Lowe. With News, regional news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (85846461)

6,00 Film: Five Card Stud (1968) starring Dean Martin, Robert Mitchum and Roddy McDowell. Western drama about a stranger who is caught cheating in a card game. Although one of the seven players tries to stop them the others lynch the man, Later, two of the men concerned are found dead and a cat and mouse search for the killer commences as he stalks the remaining men of the lynch party Directed by Henry Hathaway (27397119)

7.40 Animation Now. Three day animations from Hungary (474225)
7.50 The Lion's Den. The second of two programmes about sn experiment to find out about the craft of teaching. One teacher, fresh from college, is put in charge of a class of unruly 14-year-olds His performance is assessed by a former head teacher (740577) 8.30 Ex-S: Annie Lennox, The singer talks about her relationship with

happiness and bagpipes (4490)

9.00 World Snooker. David Vine introduces more quarter-final coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield (409799)

former Eurythmics partner Dave Stewart as well as her health, joy,



igner: charge nurse Graham Pink (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: Dear Mr Pink.

0 40 Minutes: Dear Mr Pink.
© CHOICE: Manchester charge nurse Graham Pink became a national hero when he told The Guardian about his campaign to improve the night staff levels on the geriatric wards where he worked. He had written hundreds of letters of complaint, even approaching the prime minister, but the replies were always polite but ineffectual. This 40 Minutes tells the whole story, up to Pink's dismissal. The film-makers were clearly delighted to find a staff nurse who would speak out in his favour, but the fact remains that other nurses are still less than sympathetic to him. Perhaps they are afraid but it suspect there is more to it than that. I'm not sure they afraid, but I suspect there is more to it than that. I'm not sure they really like the meticulous Mr Pink; saints and martyrs — those who really believe in what they are doing and refuse to compromise — are not always the easiest people to get along with. (Ceefax)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (448409)
11.15 World Snooker. Highlights of today's quarter-final matches (118916) 11.55 Weather (213770)

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6.00 TV-am (8541480) 9.25 Cross Wits. Word game hosted by Tom O'Connor (4181206) 9.55 Thames News (7105026) 10.00 The Time... The Place... A debate on a topical subject



Helpful advice for the consumer: Maggie Philbin (10.40am)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes Maggie Philibin's slot investigating consumer complaints; advice on family finance; and how couples' ability to talk to each other have help overcome personal crises. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news an 11.55 (1989799)

12.10 Playbox. Early-learning series (7815848)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Cracle) Weather (8615461) 1.10 Thames News (24032312)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Cracle) (22756616) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical dramas in the Australian of the

Australian outback (s) (94049080)

2.20 The Full Treatment. Josephine Buchan looks at alternative therapies, some of which are available on the NHS (59513409) 2.50
Families. Soap linking Australia with the north of England (s) (8789041)

3.15 ITN News headlines (1229652) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4479175) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (1738935)

Australian City Rospital (173893)
3.55 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Animation (8552670)
4.10 Tales From the Poop Deck. Comedy adventures of a pirate, narrated by Griff Rhys Jones and starring Helen Atkinson Wood. (Oracle) (s) (2203393) 4.35 Disney's Duck Tales (8525206) 5.00 Cartoon. Featuring Foghom Leghorn (7865428) 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by

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5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (189799)
5.55 Thames Help (r) (488848)
6.00 iflome and Away (r). (Oracle) (751)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (913)
7.00 Emmerdiale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (9461)
7.30 Survival: The Devil's Islands. T.P. McKenna narrates this documentary about the wildlife of the Saltees islands off the coast of south-east Ireland. (Oracle) (515)
8.00 The Bill: Trial and Error. When a jury acquit a suspect Rumeide. 8.00 The Bill: Trial and Error. When a jury acquit a suspect Burnside decides to see that justice is done for the victim's sake. (Oracle)

8.30 The Benny Hill Show. A compilation of the late comedian's 9.00 Medics. Hospital drama series starring Tom Baker, Sue Johnston, Francesca Ryan and Ian Redford. (Oracle) (s) (6461)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle)
Weather (97751) 10.30 Thames News (850747) 10.40 Viewpoint '92: Heaven Must Wait. The second and last part of a

documentary examining the lengths people go to avoid or delay the ageing process (s) (293836)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's remand centre (483867)
 12.30am Video View. Mariella Frostrup reviews the latest video releases

1.30 The Equalizer. McCall comes to the aid of a witness to a murder who is to be the killer's next victim (70815)

2.30 Donahue. Married couples talk about their recipe for domestic bliss (4035271) utes. Award-winning American news magazine (52441)

4.30 Stoned. Scott Baio stars in this drama about a young man who becomes involved with drugs in order to be "one of the boys" 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (63691). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (8549022) **9.25 Schools** (43295867)

12.00 The Parliament Programme. Highlights from yesterday's election of the new Speaker, presented by Anne Perkins (94664)

12.30 Business Daily. The latest news and analysis from the world';

money markets (46515) 1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is actress Jamie Lee Curtis (34770)

2.00 Film: In the Navy (1941, b/w) staming Abbott and Costello Musical comedy about a crooner who enlists in the navy and teams up with two old hands. With Dick Powell and the Andrew Sister: ... Directed by Arthur Lubin (610683)

3.35 Visit Prague. Animation (2849468)
3.50 The Tribulations of St Anthony. The popular saint as depicted by various artists through the centuries, including Bosch, Dali, Veronese and Max Ernst (5258770)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz hosted by William G. Stewart (s) (428)

5.00 it's A Dog's Life. Includes a look at the dogs who star in The But

5.30 Beat That. Liverpudlian children turn their town into Hollywood for a video they are making (480) 6.00 Treasure Hunt. Annabel Croft scours east Sussex for hidden

treasure (r). (Teletext) (21206) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (517206)

7.50 Comment (732751)

8.00 People First. A look at three people with learning disabilities



Bound for Australia: London taxi and passengers (8.30pm

8.30 A Fare to Remember. The first of two programmes about a £31,000 cab fare from Buckingham Palace to Sydney (r). (Teletext)

9.00 Rear Window: Looking Both Ways — Berlin, Istanbul. ● CHOICE: A new season of Channel 4's international arts series begins with this enjoyable profile of the Turkish painter Hanefi Yuter whose colourful art has been influenced not only by his own cultural background but by the experience of basing himself in Berlin As he explains, his style reflects the traditions of Ottoman miniatures,

displaying a surface, vertical rather than three-dimensional approach. But his subject matter straddles East and West. His work on the fall of the Berlin Wall reveals a sensitive understanding of the nation in which he now lives, while other pieces, such as The Belly Dancer and The Devil, reach beyond the Turkish theme to offer universal messages about the dangers of eroticism (752393)

9.45 Plasticine People. Two Aardman animations (r) (150954)

10.00 Film: The Company of Strangers (1990).
◆ CHOICE: Canadian director Cynthia Scott made her feature film debut with this remarkable piece of work now receiving its first airing on network television. The pace is very slow, the story very simple. A busion of elderly women find themselves stranded in the middle of nowhere and for a few days the strangers look after each other in a deserted farmhouse. As they go about their tasks looking other in a deserted farmhouse. As they go about their tasks looking for food, mending the bus and vaguely attempting to fish, they begin to confide, revealing diversely fascinating past lives, loves and careers. The extraordinary part of it all is that these are not actresses but members of the public discovered by the director and encouraged to reflect on their time on earth. The result is extremely moving, the film seemingly capturing the very essences of their characters. (Teletext) (s) (878577)

11.55 Empty Nest. Comedy series starring Richard (Soap) Mulligan (s) (880206)

12.25am The Schoenberg Cycle. The Schoenberg Quartet play the String Quartet in D Major (s) (4202436)

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12.55 Film: The Lad (1935, b/w) starring Gordon Harker. Comedy about a former convict who is mistaken for a detective by a wealthy family. Directed by Henry Edwards (9308523). Ends at 2.15

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

OVIa the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The Dil Kar Show (76875041) 8.40
Mrs Pepperpot (3264374) 8.55 Lamb Chops
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the Beauthul (756374) 3.15 The Brady Bunch
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SKY NEWS

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.

SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00am Showcase (8251312)
 10.00 The incident (1990): Attorney Walter

1,00pm Mom and Dad Can't Hear Me (1989): A gift is embarased by her deaf-mute parents (74312) 2.00 Ambush Bay (1966): Second world war drama (10138) 4.00 Joe Versus the Volcano (1990): Comedy fable starring Tom Hanks (5428) 6.00 The Incident (as 10am) (97955003) 8.00 Young Guns II (1990): Smito Estevez represe his role as Billy the Idd (63549) 10.00 Death Warrant (1990): Smito Estevez represe his role as Billy the Idd (63549) 10.00 Death Warrant (1990): Smito Estevez represe his role as Billy the Idd (63549) 10.00 Death Warrant (1990): Smito Estevez represe his role as Billy the Idd (63549) 11.30 Halloween V: The Revenge of Alichael Myers (1989): The psychotic lifer searches for his niece (996867) 1.10am Bad Influence (1990): James Spader is attracted to Rob Lower's amoral lifestyle (366338) 2.45 The Ultimate Warrior (1975): Futuristic thriller starring Yul Brynner (7909097)

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Vis the Astro and Marcopolo satellites.
 5.15am Kiss Me, Stupid (1964); Billy Wilder corredy starms Dean Martin (30859480)
 8.20 All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989); Musical carbon (19713409)
 10.00 The Little Prince (1974); Intergalactic Fabs (46.558687) fable (462/58683)
11.35 Flower Drum Song (1961): Musical set in San Francisco's Chinatown (26978770)
1.55pm The King and (1956): Yul Brynner plays the King of Slam (20138461)
4.15 All Dogs Go to Heaven (as 8.20am) 1991(751)

(891751)
6.15 Maribyn and Me (1991) A reporter has an affar with Norma Jean Baker (811515)
8.15 Le Château de ma Mère (1991): The memors of Marcel Pagnol (49876157)
10.05 Bull Durham (1988): Susan Sarandon

18.05 Bull Durham (1989): Susan Sarandon plays a baseball groupse (779732) 11.55 Let it Ride (1990): Richard Dreyfuss plays a small-nine gambler (881596) 1.30am Vietnam. Texas (1990): Robert Ginty searches for its Vietnamese write and child (733558) 3.10 Twister (1989): Orfibeat drama about a Karsas family (339784). Ends at 4.50

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vis the Astre satellite.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (9770) 4.30 Punky Brewster (5954) 5.00 The New Leave it to Beaver (9041) 5.30 Green Acres (6205) 6.00 Mr Belvedere (3119) 6.30 Small Wonder (7799) 190411 5.30 Green Acres (6206) 6.00 Mr Belvedree (3119) 6.30 Small Wonder (7799) 7.00 F Troop (6577) 7.30 McAlale's Navy (6683) 8.00 Are You Being Served? (5225) 8.30 Nghr Court (4732) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (65138) 9.30 Mr Belvedere (54683)

Matthau defends a German PoW (62577) 12.00 Stood Up: A high school girl sues her prom date (65664) 1,00pm Mom and Dad Carr't Hear Me

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6.30am Aerobics (55886) 7.00 Torque (22848) 8.00 Sunday League Highlights.
6582 v Surrey (25577) 9.00 Super Trax (49886) 10.00 Italian Football Magazine (23799) 12.00 Aerobics (55428) 12.30pm WFF Body Stars (57490) 1.30 Italian Football Magazine (27461) 3.30 Italian Football Magazine (85935) 5.30 Nascar (46596) 7.30 World Cup Football: Northern Ireland v Lithuania (819515) 10.00 The Footballer's Football Show (21770) 12.00 NH. Ice Hockey (18252) 1.00-1.30am World Cup Football (40436) EUROSPORT

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World Championship (52157) 3.30 ke Championship (84/280) 2.30 Motocoss World Championship (52157) 3.30 for Hockey World Championship (186799) 6.00 Eurospoat (17138) 7.00 Boomg (31515) 8.30 Eurospoat News (4190) 9.00 Wresding (51409) 10.00 for Hockey World Champion-ship (23138) 12.00 Eurosport News (59436) SCREENSPORT

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7.00am Eurobics (76567) 7.30 French Rugby League (86848) 8.30 APL Action (93428) 9.30 Brists Fromties Two Champlonship (57409) 10.30 Eurobics (62190) 11.00 for Hockey (10480) 12.30pm Ress (50503) 1.00 Powersports (88883) 2.00 Eurobics (8393) 2.30 Dancarg (25003) 8.30 World League of US Foothal (79353) 5.00 World League of US Foothal (50363) 5.00 World (8496) 6.00 Spanish Foothal (503) 6.30 NHL Ios Hockey (91119) 8.30 Matchroom Pro Box (17645) 10.30 Forte Snocker League 1992 (916867) LIFESTYLE

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10.00am Geting Fit with Dense Austin (39848) 10.30 The Great Amencar Gameshows (2301225) 11.20 Body Talk (2185567) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (3485799) 11.50 Sally lessy Raphael (2809409) 12.45pm Dated Hamilton's People (309480) 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (7131935) 2.05 Skyways (4578461) 3.05 Sell-a-Vision (5312003) 3.30 Cover Story (551514.00 Tea Break (3016022) 4.10 WKRP in Cincinnati (6042664) 4.40 The Great Amencan Gameshows (3282312) 5.30 Sell-a-Vision (4886) 6.00 Remington Steele (24680) 7.00 Sell-a-Vision (676022) 10.00 Juliebox Music Videos (4348954) 2.00am Last Arkebox Dance (86287)

RADIO 1. (FM only): The Early Breakfast Show 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.35pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jakib Brambles 3.00 Stee Winght in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's Hounds of Love (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Horrs (FM only)

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester. The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes.

9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Chris Stuan 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Pasadenas' Almanac, with the Rasadena Roof Orchestra in 7.30 Barbershop Style fill 8.00 Robert Cushman's Songbook: An exploration of American popular song 9.00 Dashing Away With a Stricothing Iron: Mothe Sugden celebrates the 100th armiversary of the electric iron 10.00 We Stayed in ... with Jungr and Parker: Comedy and music with Barb Jungr and Richael Rarker 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Rida 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7,00pm.
6,00pm World Service: Newshour 6,30 John
Inverdale's Morning Edition 9,00 Schools: See
For Yoursell, 9,15 First Steps in Drama; 9,35 Wordqlay, 9,45 Singing Together, 10,05 Time to
Move 10,25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10,40 Caron Keeting with The AM Alternative 12,30pm kitchen
Cabinet 1,00 News Update 1,15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1,30 BFBS Worldwide 2,30 World Service:
Health Matters; 2,45 Your World; 3,05 Outlook; 3,30 World of Books; 4,05 First Amole
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WORLD SERVICE

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RTE 1 Starts: 1.00pm News (9-38683) 1.30 Aertel Financial Pages (94359409) 1.35 The Colour Eye (95807461) 2.05 Perry Mason (5030683) 3.00 Live At Three (2376409) 4.00 News, (12136799) followed by Kate and Allie (85223596) 4.30 Gloss (8926683) 5.20 Out of Limits (37969374) 5.30 A Country Practice (4396312) 6.00 The Angelus (8594799) 6.01 Star-One (2565480) 7.00-7.30 Feir City (3237022)

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6.55am Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Dvořák (Serenade for Strings: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville (Martiner) 7.30 Mercines

7.30 Morning Concert (cont): Prokofiev (Suite, Lieutenant Kye: Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Claudio Abbado); Nielsen (Two Fantasias, Op 2: David Theodore, oboe, lan Brown, piano); Rachmaninov (Preludes: in B minor, Op 32 No 10; in B, Op 32 No 11: Vladinir Ashkenazy, piano); Strauss (Don Juan: London Symphor Orchestra under Claudio Abbado)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Samuel Barber: Cello Sonata
(Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, and
Roger Vignoles, piano); Piano
Concerto (John Browning,
piano; St low Europhene piano; St Louis Symphon Orchestra under Leonard

Slatkin) 9.35 Morning Sequence: Bach (Cantata No 84, Ich bin vergnügt mit meinem Glücke: Vienna Concentus Musicus with Wilhelm Wiedl, treble); Griffes (Piano Sonata: Stephen Coombs); Beethoven (String Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3: Takacs String Quartet); Griffes (Four Roman Sketches: Stephen Coombs, piano); Mozart (Serenade in E flat, K

375: London Winds) 11.15 BBC Philharmonic u BBC Philharmonic under Günther Herbig performs Haydn (Symphony No 5 In A); Mahler (Symphony No 9 in D minor) (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Prokofiev and Strauss: Hu

riokonev and Stratus: Hi Kun, violin, Norma Fisher, piano, perform Prokofiev (Sonata in D, Op 94a, transcr by the composer from the Flute Sonata Op 94); Strauss (Sonata in E fiat, Op 18) Music Weekly, presented by 2.05 Music Weekly, presented by Peter Paul Nash (r) 2.50 Berlioz (Romeo et Juliette war instruction of Juliette — symphonie dramatique, Op 17: French Radio Chorus; French National Orchestra under Lorin Maazel, with Kathleen Kutimann, mezzo, Gerard Garino, tenor, Peter Meven, bass)

RADIO 3 4.35 BBC Festival of Brass 1992: Paul Hindmarsh presents the fourth of nine concerts recorded in Studio 7, Manchester Ledond 2.65

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Manchester. Leyland DAF Band
under Richard Evans performs
Judith Bingham (The Four
Minute Mile); Vinter (Jernes
Cook, Circumnavigator);
Horovitz (Euphonium
Concerto: William Millar); Elgar
Howarth (Fireworks)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with
Natalie Wheen
7.00 News 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Howard Jacobson is

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(David Bannerman) relates
how he came to murder his
wife (Natasha Pyne) (r)

9.45 Janáček String Quartet:
Bohumi Smejkal and Adolf
Sykora, violins, Ladislav
Kyselak, viola, Bretislav Vybiral,
cello, perform Janáček
(Quartet No 1, Kreutzer
Sonata); Paul Parkinson (String
Quartet); Dvoták (Quartet in F,
Op 96, American) (r)

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10.55 Baroque Flutes: Nancy
Haddien, Rachel Beckett, Janet
See, Utako Ikeda and Neil
McLaren play music by
Boismorber (Concerto in A
minor, Op 15 No 2; Trio in D
minor Op 7 No 4; Concerto in
D, Op 15 No 3) (r)
11.30 News

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Granados (Los requiebros; Coloquio en la reja; El Fandango de Candil; Quejas o La maja y el ruisenor, Goyescas, Ser 1: Thomas Rajna, piano; La Maja Dolorosa, Oh, muerte cruej; Av majo de mi jeta: De actual Ay, majo de mi vida; De aquel majo amante Bocetosi (r) 1.90-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.09, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought
for the Day 8.43 Jogging
Round Majorca, by Gordon
West, Abridged and read by
Leonard Pearcey (2 of 8) (s)
8.58 Weather
News
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9.05 Cali Nick Ross: 071-580 4411. 9.05 Cali Nick Ross: 071-580 4411.
Lines open from Barn
10.00-10.30am Grand Tour (FM only): Istanbut. The historian John Julius Norwich describes how Turkey's capital has adapted to the modern world 10.00 Daily Service (LW only): Matthew. Read by Derek Jacobl (5 of 10)
10.30 Woman's Hour; Jenni Murray talks to Ruth Prawer Jhabvala,

talks to Ruth Prawer Jhabvala who wrote the screenplay of new film, Howard's End. Incl. 11.00 News 11.30 All in the Mind, with

Professor Anthony Clare 12.00 You and Yours, with John 12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Robert Booth chairs a light-hearted historical discussion (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with tames Nationhae

James Naughte 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News: Thirty-Minute
Theatre: A Different Woman

CHOICE: Twice this week
the other occasion was his

the other occasion was his Hamlet "sequel" on Radio 3 last night — Perry Pontac has embroidered his highly individual sense of the absurd into a tangent stand by individual sense of the absurd into a tapestry started by someone else. A Different Woman is really Pypmalion Meets Frankenstein, but with laughs. An egotistical plastic surgeon (Peter Jeffrey) gets more than he bargains for when he rectifies some "shinders of nature" in a dull "blunders of nature" in a duli-spirited and unattractive office worker (Alson Steadman). Naturally, we know how it is all going to end but, by fade-out, we will have had all the

2.30 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with Roy Hudd and
John Moffatt on the traditions
and history of the English
music hall (5)
3.00 Tuesday Lives, with Joanna
Buchan (5) 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Yoni
Morrison's novel, Jazz (see
page 3); talks to Ray Ventura
about his book, Underground
in Japan; and the pianist

in Japan; and the panis; Joshua Rifkin plays Rags and Tangos by Scott Jopin's contemporanes (s) 4.45 Short Story: The Honey That Came From the Sea, by Sheen Blackball Pand In. Sheena Blackhall. Read by Eileen McCallum 5.60 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 No Commitments: A
Complete Break. The last in
the series, written by Simon
Brett (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 File on Four (FM only):
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Stuart Simon reports
7.20 Worman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Science Now, presented by
Alun Lewis (r)
8.30 The Word on the Street:
Leyton. Susan Marling explores
life at street level in
contemporary Britain
9.00 in Touch: Peter White presents
the magazine for the visually

9.10 in Touch: Peter White presents
the magazine for the visually
handicapped
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Roger White (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime; The
Diamond as But as the Bine in the

Diamond as Big as the Ritz, by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Read by Garrick Hagon (2 of 5) 11.00 The Year in Question: Hunter Davies referees the knock-out news quiz between the Sunday newspapers. This week, The Sunday Times v The Observer IV

Observer (r)
11.30 Dear Bix: Geoffrey Smith presents the third of four programmes on Bix Beiderbecke, the American 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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